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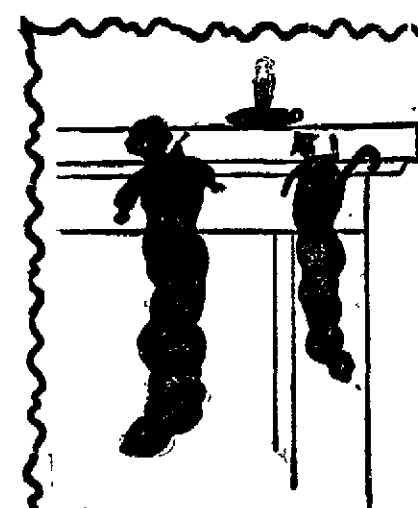
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BULLER'S ARMY CAMPS ON SAME GROUND

Departure of Lord Roberts to Assume Command. Given Enthusiastic Farewell. Prince of Wales Joins in the Good-byes. How the Queen will Spend Christmas

Chieveley, Sunday the 17th, the British army is occupying the original camping grounds.

The naval brigade this morning fired shells into the Boer position.

The Farewell to General Lord Roberts London, Dec. 23.—When Lord Roberts departed on the train today the Prince of Wales shouted: "Good-bye, Bob; happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year, and every possible luck in your job."

Field Marshall Lord Roberts, to assume command of the British forces in South Africa, left Waterloo station at noon today amid scenes of enthusiasm vividly demonstrating the national interest in the event and the belief that the departure of the general is accepted as a guarantee that whatever can be done in South Africa will be carried out thoroughly by competent hands and on carefully matured lines.

There was an immense throng at all approaches to the station, which cheered repeatedly for "Bob" as he arrived with his wife and two daughters. Distinguished statesmen and military men crowded the platform.

So great was the crowd that many were crushed badly, including high officials.

Hospital Ship Maine Sails Short-Handed

The American hospital ship, Maine, sailed for Cape Town this afternoon minus five assistants supplied from New York hospitals. At the last moment the men declared they would not go, complained of general ill treatment and finally said one of the men was sick and the others would stay to take care of him. Major Cabelle of the ship says he is unable to fathom the complaint. He says the papers called the men "orderlies" which they resented.

A baron of beef for the Queen's Christmas will be roasted next Saturday, December 23, at the great kitchen fire, at Windsor, in readiness for the royal dinner party on Monday. The great joint, when cold, will be garnished with the royal and imperial monogram in shreds, horse radish and with a boar's head and game pie will assist in adorning her majesty's sideboard on Christmas day.

This quaint announcement in the court circular, with the spirit of royal plenty breathed in every line, sounds almost like hollow mockery in the sorrow and shadow of death which has turned the season of rejoicing into one of mourning.

The queen will spend Christmas at Windsor instead of at Osborne, owing to her wish to be nearer the cabinet, and thereby sacrificing a habit very dear to her for years past. With her will be the Duchess of Albany and her children. The Prince of Wales will spend Christmas at Sandringham, and the Duke and Duchess of York will also be there.

But neither at Windsor, at Sandringham nor in the noblest or lowest homes of Great Britain will there be much merry-making, for with 7000 men killed, wounded or missing in South Africa there are few families which have not been touched.

The day of wild war enthusiasm and overconfidence has passed and there reigns in its stead the grim determination to atone for the mistakes of the past by individual effort regardless of consequences.

ELEVEN CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH

Terrible Calamity Overtakes Children Who Were Rehearsing a Play

Quincy, Ill., Dec. 23.—While the school children of St. Parish parochial school, Seventh and Vine streets, were rehearsing yesterday afternoon for an entertainment to be given next Tuesday evening, one of the children's dresses caught fire from a gas jet and 10 minutes later four of them were burned to death, two died an hour later and five others died before midnight. Half a dozen others were burned more or less severely. All these are between 9 and 11 years of age. Helen Ziebbing and several other teachers, Father Nicholas and Professor Mushold were painfully burned in trying to save the children.

The fire started in a dressing room. Three or four little girls were there dressing for the rehearsal and laughing gaily. A dozen others were grouped in the wings of the stage near the foot of the stairs descending from the dressing room. The girls in the dressing room had nearly completed their costumes when one of them brushed against the gas jet. In an instant her dress of cotton and light cloth was in a blaze. She screamed and ran out of the room, communicating the blaze to the others as she ran. One of the girls with her dress in a blaze jumped out of a small window into the stairs leading to the stage and then down the stairs. A flaming torch she was, as she almost fell down the stairs and rushed into the groups of children standing in the wings. They were all clad like her, in fancy costumes of cotton, lace and silk, and the fire spread with incredible rapidity from one to the other.

The children were panic stricken and rushed this and that way, screaming with pain. Only a few minutes and then four of them sank to the floor dead. Others fell, too, but they still lived, suffering excruciating agony until relieved by death.

Over Forty Children Drowned

Brussels, Dec. 23.—Upwards of 40 school children were drowned yesterday in an ice accident at Frelinghem, near the French frontier. The school children of the district had been given a holiday with permission to play on the frozen river Lys. When the mistreatment was at full height the ice broke suddenly and the children disappeared. A few were rescued half dead, but the majority were drowned. Thirty-six bodies have been recovered, but others are still missing. The catastrophe spread consternation through the town, where nearly every family suffered loss.

SUSPECT ARRESTED IN BENNETT MURDER CASE

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 23.—William Bennett, a carpenter, 38 years old, living in Princeton, was arrested here last night on suspicion of having committed the murder of Anna Bennett, in Hubbardston, Thursday evening. After a rigid "sweat box" examination, the man was held for court. Bennett says he knows nothing of the crime. Bennett, when searched, had \$38.65 in his pocket, and also had on a new pair of shoes. Thirty dollars of the money he claims he got from Mr. Glazier, a resident of Hubbardston, and Mr. Glazier bears him out in this statement. Bennett has a bad reputation in Hubbardston, and it is claimed he was seen driving away from that town shortly after the murder.

AGUINALDO'S WIFE HAS DIED END GAME IN MOUNTAIN VILLAGE

Lieutenant Gilmore is the Only Prisoner in the Hands of the Insurgents. All Luzon Ports Will Open January First

Manila, Dec. 23.—Colonel Wilder has telegraphed to Vigan from Bayombong that Aguinaldo has crossed the mountains near Bayombong, going southward.

His wife died in a village in that vicinity.

mountains the insurgent column having our prisoners, of whom four were captured. Gilmore is the remaining prisoner. The insurgents are one day in advance. The troops are in great hardships and will probably reach Aparri. Two hundred Spanish prisoners from Aparri were received this morning. There are 200 more in that section. All ports in northern Luzon will open January 1.

SIXTY MINERS ENTOMBED BY AN EXPLOSION

Four Bodies Said to Have Been Recovered and Forty Men Yet Missing. Heartrending Scenes at Mouth of the Drift

Brownsville, Pa., Dec. 23.—There was an explosion in the Braznell coal works, four miles from here this morning. Sixty miners were entombed.

Word from Braznell says only one man came out of the mine.

The men could be heard talking at the bottom of the shaft at first.

The mine boss went down but did not return and it is supposed he and the men were overcome by the damp as all sound ceased.

There is great excitement. Miners are flocking from surrounding mines to assist in the rescue. The mine is owned by the Stockdale Coal Co.

The relatives of the entombed miners

are crowded around the mouth of one drift. The scenes are heartrending to witness.

Wives are crying in despair and children weeping for their fathers.

The rescuing party immediately set to work.

Volunteers are numerous and word was sent for the best mining engineers in the district.

It is thought a road will be made into the mine in a few hours.

At present there is no idea of what caused the disaster.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 13.—The Stockdale Coal company has received a report from Braznell that six bodies have been recovered from the mine and that 40 men are still entombed.

EX-PRESIDENT COLE OF GLOBE NATIONAL ARRESTED IN CALIFORNIA TODAY

Warrant Contains Four Counts. Two for Embezzlement and Two for Misappropriation of Funds. \$900,000 Involved

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 23.—Ex-President Charles H. Cole of the Globe National bank of Boston was arrested at Redondo today by an United States marshal and will be brought here.

He was a fugitive from justice.

It is stated the arrest of Cole was on account of misappropriation of government funds.

Boston, Dec. 23.—The news of the arrest of Charles H. Cole, formerly president of the Globe National bank of this city at Redondo, Cal., reached here this afternoon and put an end to the unusual effort on the part of the United States authorities here to keep secret the fact of any action having been taken to bring about the arrest.

Despatches from California last night said United States officers were after

Cole, but at the office of the United States district attorney here early this morning it could not be learned a warrant for Cole's arrest had been issued. As soon as word was received that he was in custody it developed that a warrant was issued during the forenoon and the authorities had little trouble in finding their man when he actually wanted him. The warrant was sworn out before United States Commissioner Fiske by Special Examiner Daniel G. Wing, acting under orders from the comptroller of the currency.

The district attorney this afternoon announced the warrant issued for the arrest of Cole is for four counts, two for embezzlement and two for misappropriation of funds, in the aggregate amount of \$900,000.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS OF EVANGELIST MOODY

East Northfield, Mass., Dec. 23.—Yielding to the pressure of friends, the family of D. L. Moody has decided to defer the funeral until Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 from the Congregational church.

The body will lie in state in the morning at the church.

Rev. C. J. Schofield, pastor, will officiate, assisted by Rev. R. A. Torrey of Chicago.

Men associated with Mr. Moody in his work will make addresses.

"Sleeping Taps" on Chinamen.

Newport, Vt., Dec. 22.—Eleven Chinamen are under arrest here charged with attempting to smuggle themselves across the line from Canada. The United States commissioner has just deported four Celestials from this place. It is thought that these Chinamen who persist in gaining entrance to the United States are mostly criminals, who prefer to run the risk of getting safely over the line to having justice overtake them. The latest batch of men probably will lie in jail about a month before having their hearing.

MISS MORSE RELEASED FURNISHED \$2500 BAIL

Natick, Mass., Dec. 23.—Medical Examiners conducted an autopsy yesterday on the body of Lewis Perry, who was shot and killed at the home of Miss Lizzie Morse in West Natick. The physicians found that a bullet from a 22-calibre revolver had pierced the heart, causing death. The condition of the stomach indicated that Perry had drunk freely of some alcoholic liquor a short time before death. Lizzie Morse, who admits that she shot Perry, after he had forced an entrance to her house, is at home, having furnished bail to the amount of \$2500 for her appearance before Judge Mulligan. Arnold Stappen, Perry's companion, was not able to furnish bail. He is held in \$2500.

Sheriff Interfered.

Utica, N. Y., Dec. 23.—The fight between Jack Finnegan of Pittsburg and Jack McCormick of Philadelphia last night was stopped by the sheriff in the 18th round, and saved McCormick from a knockout. Referee Hurst gave the decision to Finnegan.

Grand Total of \$178.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The officials of the house of representatives have struck a balance on the recent deluge of bills showing that up to the recess the record stood: Total bills introduced, 5015; joint resolutions, 95; simple resolutions, 65; grand total, 5175, measures of all kinds.



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JACKSON'S TACTICS MAY BE ADOPTED

Roberts Said to be Considering Them in Prosecuting Campaign Against Boers. Author of a Life of Stonewall Jackson Appointed on Lord Roberts' Staff

London, Dec. 23.—The Daily News sees immense significance in the fact that Lord Roberts has appointed on his staff Lieutenant Colonel Henderson, author of a Life of General Stonewall Jackson, the Confederate leader, and a man who has closely studied the history of the American Civil war, especially as he has not served under Lord Roberts before and is but little known to him personally. The appointment is regarded by The Daily News as proving Lord Roberts' belief that what is wanted in the war in South Africa is a strict application of Jackson's principles. It also connects the appointment with a rumor that General Joubert served under General Stonewall Jackson.

A Cape Town dispatch, dated Dec. 17, reports that Commandant Diedericks of the Boer forces was killed in a recent engagement, but no details are given. Advice from Naauw Poort describes everything as quiet there, and the only fresh news from Arundel concerns the weather, which is excessively hot.

A dispatch to The Daily Mail from Chieveley, dated Dec. 17, estimates the casualties in General Buller's repulse as 1150, including 332 missing. It announces that "a portion of the British troops have returned to Frere."

The Chieveley correspondent of The Standard, who attributes the whole disaster involved in General Buller's repulse to the mistake of Colonel Long in taking the artillery too close to the river, says: "Colonel Long fired for 90 minutes, simply exhausting his ammunition."

Owing to the gravity of the situation, the war officials will not remit their duties during the Christmas holidays.

The war office has issued an official warning against British subjects or foreigners in British territory trading with or supplying the Boer republic either directly or indirectly with any kind of merchandise whatsoever. This is regarded as showing that the government has good evidence of the existence of such traffic, and that even some English firms have been supplying the enemy, perhaps unintentionally, through foreign consignees.

It is announced that two battalions of the guards will be included in the eighth division.

The Cape Town correspondent of The Times, under date of Dec. 17, says: "The Boer fighting line is very thin, and a single British success might crumble it completely. The real danger, however, is not the military situation, but the likelihood of a Dutch rebellion, which would make the area of war so vast that an additional 50,000 men would be easily swallowed up in maintaining the enormous length of British communications."

Referring to the tardy assistance from local forces, the correspondent says: "General Buller undoubtedly, at the beginning, displayed a certain self-sufficiency and unwillingness to accept local advice and assistance, which events rapidly modified."

The following dispatch has been received from Lourenzo Marques, under date of Dec. 17, regarding Winston Churchill's escape from the Boers: Mr. Churchill wrote General Joubert on Dec. 9 asking to be released on the ground of being a war correspondent. General Joubert on Dec. 13 replied that Mr. Churchill had been detained because he had been represented as a combatant assisting an armored train to escape. He added that Mr. Churchill was unknown to him personally, but he would accept his assurance that he was a non-combatant and would order his release. The order arrived at Pretoria 10 hours after Mr. Churchill had escaped, leaving behind him a letter expressing gratitude for the treatment he had received.

The Lisbon correspondent of The Daily Mail, discussing the Boer importation of food, munitions of war and recruits by way of the Portuguese port of Lourenzo Marques, says: "Portugal is undoubtedly doing her utmost to check the transit of war materials for the Boers through Delagoa bay, although Great Britain would do well to make a demand for greater watchfulness. Portugal, however, is in constant terror of a Boer raid on her African possessions, and cannot stop the passage of volunteers for the Transvaal."

Ready to Fight For Boers.
Lawrence, Mass., Dec. 23.—The Boer sympathizers held another meeting at Hibernian hall, which was even more largely attended than the first one, several new organizations being represented. The session lasted two hours and was a secret one. None of the men present would talk for publication, but it is known that hundreds of young men have offered their services and are ready to leave at once for the Transvaal if transportation can be secured.

Prayer for the Boers.
New York, Dec. 23.—The board of aldermen of New York city yesterday adopted a resolution praying that "the god of battles" make the Boers successful in the war against England. The resolution will now go to the council, and if that body concurs the resolution will come before Mayor Van Wyck for his approval.

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FEW, IF ANY, PARALLELS.

Year Just Drawing to a Close Has Been One of Remarkable Prosperity.

New York, Dec. 23.—Bradstreet's says: Holiday trade activity is significant of the prosperous conditions underlying the general business situation, and reports, almost without exception, point to a volume of business having few, if any, parallels in previous years. Another significant feature developed also is that the demand for such goods embraces a higher class and a more expensive grade of materials, a conclusion among trade reporters being that a larger buying capacity exists now than in any previous year in the country's history. This favorable condition, too, exists in face of the fact that weather conditions have not altogether favored retail distribution of winter goods, the result being less activity in purely retail lines than had been looked for, though comparisons with one year ago are generally favorable.

Wholesale trade at this season usually shows a quieting tendency, but it is questionable whether this tendency is as marked this year as in former periods. To the advanced stage of the season chiefly, and perhaps, also, to the sentimental effect growing out of stringent money conditions in speculative lines, may be charged to some of the quietness noted.

Bank clearings for the week, six business days, ending with Thursday, aggregate \$2,221,933,940, a total far in excess of any preceding weekly total ever reported.

Prices generally have shown exceptional strength, the great majority of staple quotations remaining unchanged as a result of the week's operations. As exceptions to this might be instanced flour, pork, coffee and lead, which are higher, while copper, cotton and tin are lower.

War news and tight money combined have caused a slump early in the week in cotton, but the close found prices of the actual staple, spot cotton, only slightly below the opening. There are evidences that foreign buyers covered heavily at the decline. A contrary movement in wheat was noted early in the week, due mainly to the influence of possible international complications upon the minds of foreigners, which caused a spurt in values, nearly all of which, however, was lost later on by realizing. Iron and steel have displayed seasonable quiet as regards new business, but in the manufacturing branch of the trade activity is unsurpassed, feeling the impetus given by orders previously booked.

Strength in manufactured textiles is still a notable feature, and considerable business has been done this week on spring account. A further slight gain in quotations of the finer grades of wool is noted, and the heavy weight season for men's wear woolsens will open at a substantial advance.

Lumber shows seasonable quietness, but the open nature of the season has resulted in a longer period of activity than earlier expected.

In industrial lines generally, activity is a feature. Advances in wages of textile mill employees have followed close upon increases in prices of products, and a number of mills north and south are reported running night and day.

Business failures are fewer than ordinary at this season, although the exceptional money conditions have caused some few heavy embarrassments, and the ensuing liabilities will swell the month's totals considerably. The total number of embarrassments this week is 211, as compared with 212 in this week a year ago, and 280 in 1897.

Highwayman Captured.

Boston, Dec. 23.—A bold highway robbery was committed early last evening near the corner of Hanover and Union streets in the midst of the crowd of holiday shoppers which filled the former thoroughfare. Isaac H. Curry suddenly received a heavy blow from a man's fist that felled him to the sidewalk. His assailant snatched Curry's watch from his pocket and, breaking the chain, ran down the street, pursued by a large number of persons. The highwayman finally fell into the clutches of two policemen. He gave his name as Robert McCarron, and was recognized as an old offender.

Important Position Filled.

Boston, Dec. 23.—The trustees of the public library yesterday elected James L. Whitney librarian of that institution, a position which he has temporarily filled since the resignation of Herbert Putnam last April, when the latter accepted the position of librarian in the congressional library at Washington. Mr. Whitney was born in Northampton in 1835, and has been connected with the Boston public library since 1869, having been chief of the catalogue department for more than 20 years.

Rescued From Poverty.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 23.—Mrs. Alice McGonigle, who has been an inmate of the Newcastle county almshouse since 1884, yesterday received notice that she had been allowed a pension of \$12 per month, with back pay amounting to \$392. Mrs. McGonigle had two sons in the Union army during the Civil war, and the pension is on account of their deaths.

Looks Bad For Batchelder.

Boston, Dec. 23.—George Batchelder, arrested at the Copley Square hotel recently, appeared in court yesterday and was held in \$4000 for the grand jury. There were three counts against him, one of having burglar's tools in his possession, another of attempting to break into a room in the hotel, and the third a charge of breaking an entering.

Chemist to Make Examination.

Manchester, N. H., Dec. 23.—An autopsy held over the body of William Marshall, who died Thursday, shows no definite conclusions, and the organs have been placed in the hands of a chemist for examination. Marshall died after drinking whisky, supposed to have contained considerable poison.

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Depositors Offered Fifty Percent by Shawmut National.

Boston Stock Exchange Closed Without a Failure Being Announced.

Boston, Dec. 23.—First of the important happenings of yesterday, after the news of the closing of the Globe National bank, was the following announcement, made about 10 o'clock: "That there may be as little inconvenience as possible to the depositors of the Globe National bank and others, the National Shawmut bank offers to advance to all depositors in the Globe bank against their deposits, 50 percent of the net amount of same."

This action is at once a guarantee of the confidence of the Shawmut, which is one of the strongest banks in Boston, in the validity of much of the assets of the Globe bank, and an assurance to the business world that serious disturbances are unlikely to arise from the closing of the Globe, and it will also put a check upon alarming rumors.

The key of the whole situation is believed to be in the action of the Clearing House association in issuing \$3,500,000 worth of certificates for temporary relief. From this amount, it is understood, the Globe bank received \$3,000,000 in cash. Thursday, it is currently reported, the clearing house committee decided to give the Globe bank further assistance, and to this fact is attributed the quick appointment of a receiver. There is some interest in the value of the \$3,500,000 worth of collateral turned over to the clearing house by the Globe bank, and whether the latter's failure has impaired that value. Officially nothing will be said at present about the dealings of the Globe bank with the clearing house, and if the securities held by the latter have depreciated below the margin of safety, the individual banks will have to bear the loss pro rata.

The loan of the \$3,000,000 to the Globe bank relieved the financial tension on numerous brokers and bankers. Firms that had thousands on deposit when the Globe bank first showed evidence of trouble have since withdrawn their accounts, and the money paid out came from that clearing house loan. The bank paid out from its deposits during the past month \$3,042,000. On May 6 the amount in the bank reached \$10,176,000, and the average for months was between \$9,000,000 and \$9,500,000 up to the time of the recent troubles.

Three-fourths of the bank's stock, or \$750,000, is held by Massachusetts savings banks, all of which are good for the 100 percent liability imposed by law upon individual stockholders.

In the market itself, the usual mirror of the ups and downs of finances, hardly a good-sized ripple was created. To be sure, stocks went down, but Boston brokers claimed that quotations here followed New York. As for coppers, which class of stocks are charged with turning Boston topsy turvy, they did not slump away as predicted, their weakness hardly touching the low-priced ones, and being on an average scarcely more noticeable than for weeks past.

The Broadway National bank's affairs would have been lost sight of for the time being had not the creditors of the Squire company, the fortunes of which are mingled with those of the bank, met to outline their plans and to form a committee of action. Some demand for ready cash was made on the market here by a Portland bank, on which a run was made, but it did not disturb conditions.

The next influential factor is expected to be contained in Receiver Wing's report on the Broadway bank. For both the latter bank and the Globe, it is confidently said, that the crash will not be nearly as hard as pictured, and the outlook for creditors is reassuring.

Receiver Wing and the clerks in the bank continued at work on the Globe bank's books until a late hour last night, and messages were frequently exchanged with Comptroller Dawes at Washington. The result of the day's work seemed to indicate that the bank's assets would be nearly sufficient to pay the depositors in full, but the receiver saw little hope of saving the capital or surplus of the bank.

Not a failure was announced when the stock exchange closed, and, best of all, money seemed easy.

Cole Was Disappeared.

Los Angeles, Dec. 23.—Charles H. Cole, former president of the Globe National Bank of Boston, with his wife and son, arrived at a hotel here Sunday. His wife and son are still there, but Cole disappeared yesterday morning. It is stated that instructions were telegraphed yesterday for his arrest.

Christmas Presents

at the

Cut Price Drug Store

In making your selections of Christmas Presents kindly bear in mind that we have made large purchases for the holidays of goods desirable for Christmas Presents, and that we have strictly adhered to our rule of marking them away down to near the cost price, so that

Cut Prices Rule in Our Christmas Presents...

the same as in Drugs, Patent Medicines and Prescriptions

See Our Goods

And Get Our Prices First

Then if we fail to please you and to satisfy you that we can save you money you are at liberty to go elsewhere.

Christmas Perfumes

A very acceptable gift, and our stock is immense and well assorted. We have all the popular brands, including Lubins, Lunbours, Lazzells, Spiehlers, Wrights, Atkinsons, Palmers, Rickseckers, Browns, Seeleys, Colgates and Tappans.

In bottles or cases from 25c to \$1 and over.

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All sizes and styles, new and handsome patterns, from 25c up.

Toilet Soap

Popular brands, delicate flavors, and sold at from 5c to 21c per cake

Tooth Brushes from 5c to 25c each.

Bath Brushes from 25c to \$1.

Whisk Brooms from 10c to 25c each.

Toilet articles in endless profusion.

Manicure Sets, Puff Boxes, Smoking Sets and Shaving Sets.

We have a new line of

Razor and Razor Strops

For Christmas going at cut prices.

Hair Brushes, Water Bottles, Lung Protectors, Complexion Brushes, Trusses, Rubber Cushions, Electric Batteries, Medicine Glasses, Medicine Spoons. In fact, anything and everything you may need.

Christmas Candies

We have an elegant line of Christmas Candies, Bon Bons, Etc., put up in handsome boxes. All prices and just the thing for a present.

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Put up in 25 and 50 boxes—a suitable present for father, son or brother.

Come in and look over our goods whether you buy or not. Ask for one of our large illustrated calendars.

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I know not what record of sin awaits me in the other world; but this I do know, that I never was so mean as to despise a man because he was poor, because he was ignorant, or because he was black.—John A. Andrew.

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From sea of the city of North Adams.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, DEC. 23, '99

ADVERTISERS in the Transcript are the best business men in the community. Their advertisements are worth reading and they are the firms with whom to trade most advantageously.

THE BETRAYAL OF LABOR

Usually men are calmer after election than they are immediately before election and their minds are much more open to the truth of argument. Therefore, we wish to recur at present to a point we insisted upon before the ballots were cast last Tuesday. We repeatedly made the claim that the attempt to whip labor as a class behind Mr. Dobson was a serious wrong and fraught with serious consequence to labor. We did not make the claim solely for campaign purposes. We were convinced of the truth of it from the beginning and today we ask the workmen of this city to reflect on the attempt that was made to use them for political purposes only. We believe that this attempt was a most grievous betrayal of labor.

All is not fair in politics. There are some things too sacred to sacrifice on the altar of a candidate's ambitions, and the cause and reputation of labor are among these. There is nothing so pathetic in all the history of labor's struggles as the misery incurred by the ambitions or ignorance of those who professed to be labor's leaders. Not even the hunger and distress of great labor wars equal the wrong worked by the misguided or ambitious men who have at times attained 'to high places in labor's councils. Time and again public opinion has been outraged by labor trustfully obeying the command of foolish or faithless captains, and time and again labor has been led to defeat because of its loyal obedience to leaders who were unfit either by incompetence or by some personal aim which divided their purposes. Here in this city, during the recent municipal campaign, we have had an attempt to lead labor against its own interests by leaders who should have known better and who should have set a far higher price on the confidence the ranks of labor reposed in them.

The municipal league, which months ago abandoned the name of "workingman's municipal league" as being too exclusive to its purposes, named William Dobson for mayor. The league and Mr. Dobson wanted control of the city. They were a political combination, purely a political combination, and in their political ambition represented labor no more than they represented the hue of every political kicker who openly or secretly supported their combination to capture city hall. Mr. Dobson had no fitness for the office he aspired to; he was incapable of discussing the most trivial public matter on the platform. He had no more experience fitting him for the office than if he had attended a machine in the mill all his life, which many good, honest workmen have done. There was no labor issue in the campaign—not even the shadow of one—and Mr. Dobson could have done no more for labor had he been elected than he could have done had he been chosen in place of the quarreling candidates for the kingship of Samoa. There was not the slightest reason for calling upon labor to throw all other considerations aside and vote for Mr. Dobson. There was just one question to be passed upon by the votes of the people—who was the best man for mayor, Mr. Wilkinson or Mr. Dobson?

But Mr. Dobson did not go before the people and attempt to prove that he was the best fitted for the office, that Mr. Wilkinson was not as well fitted as he, that to elect Mr. Wilkinson would surely result in giving the city a lower standard of service than if Mr. Dobson were elected. He went before the people to influence their prejudices, to defame men who have done more for this city and for the people of this city than Mr. Dobson will ever do if he lives to be several hundred years old. He did not rise to the dignity of a large-sized man able to win the confidence of the people by prosecuting his campaign on high grounds. He got on the lowest grounds, the grounds of the carping critic whose glib tongue sows insinuation and mean attacks broadcast. And, above all, he pleaded with the workmen to stand solidly by him and so do their duty.

This was the betrayal of labor. The right man in Mr. Dobson's place would have told labor that he did not ask for their votes as workmen and men of the army of labor, but as citizens de-

clining the question of the best man to direct the affairs of their city. He would have told them that the campaign was not to decide a question for or against labor and that, therefore, labor as a class should not take sides, but that every citizen should act independently without regard to any question but the question of what was for the best interest of the city. He would have shown labor the grave error of getting into politics when no labor issue was at stake, and in doing so have proved true to all the constitutions organized labor ever penned and adopted. He would have implored labor to forget that he was a labor worker and to look upon him only as an independent candidate, representing the so-called independent party, for the mayoralty.

But Mr. Dobson was not the right man. He was the candidate for office from the beginning to end and the cause of labor was none too sacred for him to use in his race for office. Everything was grist for his mill. Labor's ears were besieged by his appeal and outside labor leaders were influenced to come to help him beg for the united labor support. And, for what? To make him mayor! Not to fight a fight for labor! To range the workmen of this city on the side of proven incompetency for office, on the side of narrow criticism and foul insinuation and by so doing to sacrifice for the workmen the public confidence in them which is invaluable to them in their struggle for better conditions of living.

This was Mr. Dobson and this the betrayal of labor.

But labor did not hark.

Myers should be thrown in that caucus.

When you are the champion of a cause be its champion first, last and all the time.

You will soon be hearing all kinds of rumors about the appointments. No doubt the street will know all about them long before Mr. Wilkinson does.

A republican should be elected speaker of the Massachusetts house of representatives, not a man who has no party, like Myers. Better choose a good democrat than Myers.

Who will be president of the council? Get a good man. Don't choose a man who will mix the council like a tangled skein.

That recount of the votes for mayor did not come off. It is fitting that those who talked so much about economy should be the first to propose an expensive recount when about all it would accomplish would be the settling of a number of election bets.

A Carol

This gospel sang the angels bright: "Lord Jesus shall be born this night; Born not in house nor yet in hall, Wrapped not in purple nor in pall, Rocked not in silver, neither in gold," This word the angels sang of old; "Nor christened with white wine nor red,"

This word of old the angels said Of him which holdeth in his hand The strong sea and green land.

"This thrice and four times happy night!"

These tidings sang the angels bright—"Forlorn, betwixen ear and horn, A babe shall Jesus Lord be born, A weeping babe in all the cold," This word the angels sang of old; "And wisps of hay shall be his bed," This word of old the angels said Of him which keepeth in his hand The strong sea and green land.

"O Babe and Lord, thou Jesus bright!"

Let all and some now sing this night—"Betwixt our sorrow and our sin, Be thou new-born our hearts within—New-born, dear Babe and little King," So letten some and all men sing, "To wipe for us our tears away!" This night so letten all men say Of him which spake, and lo! they he—The green land and strong sea.

—William Canton, in "W. V. Her Book."

MRS. GARDNER'S PALACE.

Old Italian Edifice to Be Brought Over and Re-erected Near Boston.

Mrs. Jack Gardner is about to erect near Boston an old Italian palace which she purchased during a recent trip abroad. The building is to be taken down, brought to the United States and re-erected, stone for stone, says the New York Sun. When completed, the first floor will become the repository for the works of art which Mrs. Gardner has collected, and it is understood that she intends to open it to the public.

The upper story will contain her personal apartments. The building is a perfect example of the architecture of the old Florentine republic. As in the case of Libby prison, which was transported from Richmond to Chicago, every brick and stone will be numbered and replaced on its arrival at Boston in its original position.

New Danger to Boilers.

A singular and unexpected source of danger was lately discovered on a French boiler, says the Cincinnati Commercial Tribune. The top of this was covered with sand, and a tiny steam jet escaping around a rivet set some of the particles in motion, creating a novel sand blast that was rapidly cutting a hole through the shell of the boiler, when the leak was fortunately discovered.

Decidedly Unmilitary.

Gifts of champagne, pate de foie gras and plum puddings studded with jewels represent the latest freaks of British enthusiasm for the fighters in South Africa. If the craze continues, says the San Francisco Call, the English military authorities will find it necessary to doctor the troops as well as the news.

SKETCH OF FAMOUS EVANGELIST'S LIFE

Dwight L. Moody's Fame Has Extended Over Two Continents

Dwight L. Moody, the famous evangelist, who died at Northfield yesterday, was in his sixty-third year, and it is doubtful if any other man of his time has so profoundly influenced the English-speaking world upon the moral side as he has done during the last 40 years. He has been the greatest of the revivalists during that time and has had a success in winning men's hearts in two continents equalled probably by no other man. He began his career in Chicago when about 19 years of age, and from that time until a few weeks ago, when he became ill at Kansas City, there had been practically no interval in his activity. From teaching a class of ragged boys, whom he had found in the streets of Chicago, in 1856, he became the most famous evangelist of his time, and the head of a system of religious instruction of great importance.

He was born in Northfield, Mass., Feb. 5, 1837, his father being Edwin Moody and his mother Betsey Holten Moody. His father died suddenly in 1847, leaving his widow with a little mortgaged farm and nine children on her hands. She struggled bravely with the fortune Providence had bestowed upon her, and her work was hard and incessant. She found time, however, to instill into her children's minds those principles that work for good, and they grew up under her care to be useful members of society.

When Dwight L. was 17 years of age he left Northfield with his mother's permission to seek employment in Boston. He went to his Uncle Samuel Hilden, a shoe merchant, and was finally put to work, with some reluctance, on condition that the lad should be governed by his uncle's advice and should regularly attend the services and Sunday school of the Mount Vernon Congregational church, and it was there that Mr. Moody was converted.

Mr. Moody first became known to the world at large when early in the seventies he went to Great Britain with Ira D. Sankey, the singer. Mr. Moody's plain, straightforward talk and the silver tongue of Mr. Sankey attracted the attention of thousands who had never before thought of higher things, and the meetings held by the two evangelists were the subject of extensive newspaper reports and editorial comment. Their work across the water ceased in 1874, and they returned to this country and began a campaign of evangelical work in America. But long before Mr. Moody's first visit to Great Britain he had accomplished a great work.

In 1878, at Mr. Moody's, with a friend from New York, was driving through the hills of Northfield, the sight of a mother and her two daughters sitting in a doorway braiding straw has impressed Mr. Moody to the extent that in the fall a school was started in Mr. Moody's home, with these two girls and one other as pupils and Mrs. Moody and a niece as instructors. Later on, the school plans developed and Northfield seminary was opened, with 25 pupils and two teachers. There has been a steady, gradual growth and the institution now comprises five brick dormitories, three wooden ones, a stone recitation hall, a stone library and a brick gymnasium. There are now about 350 students. The aim of this school always has been to give a poor girl a good education.

In 1881 Mr. Moody started the institute for boys. Two farms on the banks of the Connecticut river, about four miles from Mr. Moody's home, were purchased and in May the first boy arrived. The school has grown steadily from the very outset, and today has about 450 students. The property covers about 1000 acres of land, on which there are seven brick dormitories, three wood dormitories, two brick recitation halls and a stone chapel. The courses of study at both schools are the same as any college preparatory school.

Mr. Moody is survived by a widow, two sons and a daughter. The latter's now Mrs. Emma Pitt of Northfield. The eldest son, William R. Moody, was graduated at Yale in 1881, and became business manager of the Mt. Hermon school for boys. The younger, Paul, is still at school.

LOCAL NEWS

Can This be Al Lawson?

(By Associated Press.)
New Orleans, La., Dec. 22.—Cuba is to be invaded by a baseball team to be called the All-American. It will leave in a day or two for a two months' stay in the island. All but one of the players are from the national or minor leagues.

The broad loom weavers of the Dunbar mill presented loomfixer Daniel Perreault with a handsome briar pipe this noon as a Christmas present. The presentation speech was made by W. H. Exford, Jr. Mr. Perreault was taken completely by surprise, and thanked his friends heartily for their kind remembrance.

CHESHIRE

Mrs. Cora Small of New York is the guest of her sister Mrs. G. Z. Dean. Miss Carle Allen, principal of the high school has gone to her home in Spencer. Miss Allen was presented with a \$5 gold piece from the pupils of the high school Friday.

Miss Ella Flaherty is home from the Salem normal school for the holidays. Miss Hermance who has been visiting at Rev. A. B. Potter's has gone to Nassau, N. Y.

Arthur Bligh has gone to Chester. G. Z. Dean attended the Farmers' Institute at Dalton Friday evening.

A. Z. Storm of Hinsdale has been in town on business. The following pupils have been perfect in attendance at school this term. No. 1 Rexford Miller, Benjamin Beers, Anna Brähler. No. 2 Gilbert Getman, Frank Perry. No. 3 Elizabeth Coughlin, May Donovan, Berter Eckert, Rena Foster, Robert Foster, Lizzie Wood.

Christmas exercises will be held at the M. E. church tonight and at the Baptist church Monday evening. Miss Marion Hatch gave a party to a number of young friends Friday evening. Miss Harriet Beers is here from Troy, N. Y., for a week's visit with her mother, Mrs. Louise Beers.

...A. H. SIMMONS...

Park Street, Adams.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Don't fail to visit our store for gifts in the

Furniture Line



As we are showing the largest stock that we have ever offered at this season of the year. We have on exhibition 15 different styles of sideboards, a fine line of dining tables and chairs to match, book cases, writing desks, music cabinets, hall racks, solid mahogany and golden oak center tables, jardiniere stands in all the latest finishes, Morris chairs \$1.50, \$3.50, \$10 to \$16, easy chairs and rockers of all kinds.

Carpet sweepers, a useful present. Couches, you must see our line before you buy. We have them from \$5 to \$35. Baby sleighs and nice fur robes to keep the little ones warm, high chairs, 75c and upwards, low chairs, 40c and upwards, rockers of every description, doll carriages, doll go carts. Pictures, a finer line than has ever before been shown here. Rugs, they are always presents. Writing desks, \$3.75, \$4, \$4.50, \$5.50, \$7 and upwards.

Folding Screens, \$1.50, \$2.25, \$3, silkoline filling, \$3.50.

No trouble to show goods. Come in whether you wish to buy or not.

Complimentary Calendars.

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Corner Park and School Streets, Adams.

N. B. Electric cars pass right by the door.

Smokers Materials at Gurney's

New assortment of pipes and smokers materials just received. to go at prices lower than anywhere else in the city.

F. E. Gurney

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STATIONER.

Do You Want a Nice Home At a Low Cost?

Look at No. 28, North Holden Street.
Look at No. 13, East Brooklyn Street.
Prices on these are away down, the terms liberal and there are others.

COME IN

Remember—Every Description of Insurance.

HARVEY A. GALLUP, BOLAND BLOCK

FALL FURNISHINGS

We have given special attention to this department and are prepared to show a very exclusive line of colored shirts of the best makes in patterns which are confined to us. Also a very extensive line of underwear in heavy cotton, mercerized cotton, half wool, all wool and pure worsted made in two piece suits and combination suits. Would call special attention to mercerized cotton, a new fabric which looks and feels like silk at less than half the cost. A complete new line of neckwear in new colorings and shapes from 50c to \$2.50.

A new importation of fancy hose. E. & W. collars and cuffs. Smoking Jackets. Bath Robes. Night Robes and Pajamas.

P. J. BOLAND,

Tailor and Furnisher.

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The Jeweler.

80 Main Street.

Has a large and well assorted stock of Christmas goods: Jewelry of all kinds. Watches in all sizes. Comb and brush sets. Rings, all settings of stones. Beautiful vases and art goods. Cut glasses and diamonds. Prices to please Goods to satisfy.

80 Main Street. The Old Stand.

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BOSTON STORE | BOSTON STORE

Great One-Half Price Sale In Our Basement to Begin This Evening at 6 O'clock.

The selling of holiday goods in our basement this season has been phenomenal, so we have decided to close out every article, therefore at 6 o'clock this evening we begin a Great One-Half Price Sale and give our customers the benefit of extraordinary low prices. When we say half prices we mean it.

Thus a 10c article will be 5c.
" a 25c " " 12 1/2c.
" a 50c " " 25c.
" a \$1 " " 50c.

Everything is marked in plain figures and you get it for just half the marked price.

Half Price Sale to Begin at 6 o'clock This Evening.

In the Main Store a Sale of Kid Gloves

For this evening we have taken four times our space for gloves and place on sale two phenomenal values.

Lot 1. A genuine \$1 kid glove, all shades and sizes, at 79c pair.

Lot 2. A genuine kid glove worth \$1.50, all shades and sizes at \$1 pair.

BOSTON STORE, BLACKINTON BLOCK

The People's Store

For Christmas Turkeys

Our goods are all prime stock and our prices those which suit the workman's pocket.

Native Turkeys, Native Chickens, Native Geese, Native Ducks.

All dressed and ready for the oven.

Native Pork, Prime Beef

Thomas Flaherty,

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Tel 241-2

FOR CHRISTMAS TABLE

Oranges, bananas, apples, figs and dates.

Ribbon candy and Christmas candy in assortment.

Fancy cakes and crackers.

Celery and fresh vegetables.

Choice groceries for Christmas.

C. C. FISHER, Grocer,

Corner Eagle and River Streets.

Do You Need These

Meat Choppers \$1.50. Kitchen Knives 10c each.
Enamel Ware Sauce Pans 35c.
Long Kitchen Forks 10c. Kitchen Meat Saws 50c.
Chopping Knives 25c. Toasters and Broilers 35c
and a host of Kitchen Help.

How about a set or Table Carvers?

Look at our south window.

Our prices will please you.

J. M. Darby's Hardware Store

....49 EAGLE STREET....

CHRISTMAS at FOUNTAIN'S

Dolls, Games, Toys, Books, Bibles, Cameras, Albums, Picture Books, Baskets, Pocket Books,



Put a Kodak on your Christmas list

Fountain, Bank St.
North Adams

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1790—Frederick Augustus of Saxony born; died 1827; became first king of Saxony and was named the Just.

1795—Thomas Macdonough, American naval commander and hero of the battle on Lake Champlain, born in New Castle, Del.; died 1825.

1795—Sir Henry Clinton, British commander in America during the Revolution, died at Gibraltar; born 1738.

1807—Sidney E. Morse, journalist and founder of the New York Observer, died in New York city; born 1800.

1808—Henry Woodson Grady, editor and orator, leader of the "new south," died at Atlanta; born 1850.

1801—John Angell James Crosswell, American lawyer and statesman, died at Ellenton, Md.; born 1828.

1805—Sergius Michael Dragomirov Stepanik, Russian political author and revolutionist, died in London; born 1841.

CHURCH SERVICES TOMORROW

CONGREGATIONAL—The pastor, Rev. W. L. Tenney, will preach in the morning on "The incarnation a necessity." There will be a vesper service at 6 o'clock in the evening, and stereopticon views will be given, reproducing modern conceptions of the first Christmas night.

UNIVERSALIST—Rev. O. E. Rice of Boston will occupy the pulpit tomorrow morning and evening. He is a candidate for the vacant pastorate.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE—The subject for tomorrow's regular service is "Christian Science."

ADVENT—George L. Temple will preach at the Chestnut street chapel.

RESCUE MISSION—The regular service will be held at 3.30 o'clock at the Marshall street mission. There will be a special Christmas service in the evening, with an exercise and Christmas carols by the sewing band girls.

Y. M. C. A.—The men's meeting will be addressed by A. E. Hall of Williamstown.

BAPTIST—The pastor will preach in the morning on "The star in the east." The evening service will be entirely musical, and a Christmas cantata will be given.

EPISCOPAL—The usual services will be held.

METODIST—There will be special music at the regular morning service and vesper service at 4.30 will be held in place of the evening service.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

LOCAL NEWS ON PAGES 4, 5, 8

NO TRANSCRIPT MONDAY

In accordance with its custom for legal holidays, there will be no issue of the Transcript Monday, Christmas day.

The Wellington will serve a Christmas dinner from 1 to 7 Monday.

A daughter was born this morning to Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Hewitt of 184 Eagle street.

Miss Rose Ryan, a Bliss college student, has accepted a position in the Windsor print works office.

The dance to have been held by Rathbone Sisters on New Year's night has been postponed for one week.

Frank Cosman of New York has sold his brick and stone block on Union street to Z. D. Hall of Adams.

J. H. Thrope has taken the contract for the electric fixtures in the new Darrow hotel block at the corner of Bank and Summer streets.

Rabbi Rosenbloom of Pittsfield is in the city today, and addresses the synagogue here in Hebrew today and tomorrow.

M. V. Meade's dancing class will give a reception next Wednesday evening from 8 to 1 o'clock, and all who have attended similar events in the past are invited.

Henry A. Tower, agent for the Travelers' life and accident company, has paid F. H. Daniels of Williamstown \$41 for an injury received by being thrown from his wheel about a month ago.

No books will be given out at the public library on Christmas day, but the reading room will be open from 2 to 7 p. m., as on Sundays. If books due on Monday are brought back on Tuesday, no fines will be charged.

The Consolidated railroad company has about completed the work of laying heavy steel rails the entire length of the Berkshire division from Pittsfield south. The rails weigh 74 pounds to the yard and trains run much smoother over them.

The eight to ten whist club was pleasantly entertained Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Clayton Miller, 233 Eagle street. Mrs. N. R. Shultz was first ladies' prize and Mortimer Pratt first men's. The boobies were awarded Mrs. Charles Bryant and George Williams.

The entertainment to be given at the house of correction Christmas evening will be strictly private. The affair has been arranged for the prisoners alone and visitors will not be allowed. Many of the prisoners would not take part if outsiders were present and for that reason Sheriff Fuller has been compelled to deny admittance to all who wish to attend.

The Wellington whist club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Mitchell of Bank street last evening, where two hours of whist were enjoyed. Dora Cobb received first ladies' prize and Mrs. P. Scovell second; Joseph Paquette, Jr., received first men's prize and J. H. Benjamin second. After whist a social time was enjoyed and a fine collation served.

The Fitchburg railroad has issued an order to the foremen of its section to remove all switch stands having high targets, which are between tracks and replace them with stands with a very low target. This is done so that the switch stands will not strike cars. Several brakemen and conductors have been killed in this manner.

There was a pathetic incident on Main street one day this week, which was noted by a number of women who were doing Christmas shopping. Two little girls were seen walking up the street and stopping before every store window. One of the girls, however, kept her head down, and said little, while the other was looking for every novelty and describing it to her companion. A woman who saw them stopped and spoke to the talkative girl, who said of her companion, "Yes, she's blind, and can't see any of the pretty things. So I'm taking her by all the stores and telling her as well as I can what all the windows look like. It's her first blind Christmas, and we are doing all we can to make it as easy as possible for her."

Most of the stores in the city will be closed all day Monday.

The clerks' union will meet at 3.30 o'clock tomorrow in C. L. U. hall.

William Gonyea, of this city has received a pension increase from \$8 to \$8 a month.

The Ladies' auxiliary of Clan McIntyre met Friday evening and completed arrangements for the New Year's night social.

C. A. Card has sold his fire insurance business to Arthur N. Potterton, and will give his attention exclusively to the real estate business.

The street cars will make extra runs tonight, leaving for Williamstown and the Elver at 10.40, 11 and 11.20 and for Adams at 10.40 and 11.

David Bascom, the boy who some time ago put a dummy on the street railway track, had his case filed again in police court this morning after a number of continuances.

Dennis O'Leary of Hoosick Falls has commenced an action against the Fitchburg Railroad company to recover damages for the loss of his daughter, Theresa, who was killed by the cars at the Elm street crossing last month.

Mayor Cady has presented to each of the city officials, including all heads of departments and all those employed at city hall, and also to the newspaper reporters, a portrait of himself similar to the ones given the councilmen last evening. The picture is an excellent likeness, handsomely mounted.

Elva, the 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Rogers of 3 Frederick street, died this morning after an illness of three weeks. The funeral will be held at the house Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Rev. J. H. Spencer officiating, and the burial will be in Hillside cemetery.

A lodge of French Foresters will be organized and officers will be elected next Thursday evening at St. Jean Baptiste hall. Grand Chief Ranger D. F. Fitzgerald of Worcester and Grand Officer J. J. Gallagher of Lowell will be present. The lodge will start with between 50 and 60 members.

Mayor Cady this morning let the contract for the printing of the city reports to O. C. Gardner of the Advance Press. Mr. Gardner's bid was \$565 for a book of about 400 pages, and the total cost will be about that sum. There were two other bids, the next being \$633.50 and the highest \$913.66, which latter was not accompanied by the required bond. The bids and figures are on file in the mayor's office.

Arrangements are about completed for the big Burns anniversary celebration to be held by Clan McIntyre in the Wellington hotel, January 26. All the speakers have promised to be present and C. W. Dennett will deliver the address of the evening on "Burns."

The concert will be a feature. Thomas Henderson, a leading tenor from New York city, will take part, as will Miss Mary Porter of Adams and Miss Kate Arnold. The dance will be in Odd Fellows' hall with music by the Premier orchestra and Harry Browne, prompter. Landlord Wood will make special arrangements for the occasion. The reception committee will be Chief McIntyre, James Boyd, T. V. Ferguson, Peter McPhail and James Drysdale.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Edward M. Farrell, Francis J. O'Hara, Edward A. Crowley, Michael J. Coan, Francis C. Reagan, Michael J. Flaherty and Charles Curran are home from Holy Cross college for the holiday vacation, and Martin Boland, Walter A. Sullivan and Rene Barcolou of the preparatory department are also home. Five members of the college senior class of 46 are North Adams young men.

D. E. Coughlin is home from Harvard college for the holiday vacation.

Miss Mamie Canedy and Miss Magpie Kirby have returned from a two weeks' visit with relatives in Middletown, N. Y.

Dr. J. R. White and mother went to Boston today to spend Christmas. The doctor will be in his office again Wednesday.

Miss Helen C. Harrington is home for the holidays from Burlington, Vt., where she teaches school.

Last Night's Basket Ball

There was a good audience in Odd Fellows' hall Friday evening to witness the basket ball games. The Independents defeated the Y. M. C. A. team, 15 to 6; the Hoosick Falls, N. Y. team, 10 to 6; the Hand-in-Hand team, 10 to 8 and Drury 1st defeated the St. Johns, 4 to 2. After the games dancing was enjoyed with music by Schubert orchestra. A very pleasant evening was spent.

COMMUNICATION

Unclean Main Street.

Editor of the Transcript:
Is it possible that we have got to endure the filth of Main street much longer? Who is to blame? Loads of manure! Have we a street commissioner, and is he blind? Clean the street is the cry of the people, and at once.
E. ROGERS.

Presented With Rocker

Francis Robare, who is employed by the North Adams Manufacturing company as filling carrier, was presented with a solid oak rocker this morning by the weavers. Mr. Robare has held this position for 14 years and is a faithful and competent hand, and in order to show that his services are appreciated by those with whom he is concerned his gift was presented him.

New Drury Captain

J. Quinn has been elected temporarily captain of the Drury basketball team. He has played forward on the team regularly, and is one of the strongest men on the team. The team will remain in the league, and make a strong effort to retain its position near the head.

Are you competent to accept a position as bookkeeper, stenographer or office assistant? If not, arrange to enter Bliss Business college January 2, where you can get a thorough training in these subjects under the supervision of expert instructors.

Fresh arrival today of Wallace's candy at the Wilson House drug store.

LIBRARY REPORT FOR YEAR

Some Interesting Facts and Figures. One Legacy Received

The public library trustees and the librarian have completed their annual reports, which have been submitted to the mayor. The statistics in the reports are of interest to the patrons of the library.

The report of the trustees calls attention to the work accomplished with the extra \$1000 which was added to the appropriation last year, most of the amount going for new books. The library has also received a legacy from Mrs. Ann Eliza Babbitt, two thirds of which has been put into a savings institution until the whole is paid, which will probably be next year. Mention is made of the memorial tablet put in the library and the efforts to make the library an educational force in the community. Miss Temple has been engaged during the year, and Miss Dunton declined the position of assistant librarian at the same salary that she had received as librarian. Of Miss Dunton the trustees say, "She has done good work for the community for many years, putting a rare amount of enthusiasm into all she did."

The estimate for next year's appropriation is \$6000, of which \$1150 is estimated for books, and the rest for running expenses. An earnest request is made for an appropriation of this amount, as if it is cut down the loss will come in the buying of new books. Of this year's appropriation there was a balance left of \$531.

Under statistics of the use of the library, the total circulation during the year has been 66,549, an increase over last year of 6,349. The circulation by departments has been as follows: Fiction, 36,348; juvenile fiction, 14,822; classified juvenile, 3699; art, science and literature, 4412; history, biography and travel, 2534; periodicals, 2863; French books, 1671. The library has been open 309 days, and the average circulation of books a day has been 215. The largest number loaned in one day was 429 and the smallest 49. There were 538 notices sent out of books overdue.

There are 15,619 books in the library, 848 more than last year; 1135 new books were bought, but 275 were to replace worn out volumes. Of the new books 500 were fiction.

Attention is called to the increased use of the reading room, and especially on Sunday afternoons when it is open. The largest number who used the reading room on any one Sunday was the last one in November, when 137 were present. The smallest attendance on Sunday was in August, when only 19 were present.

PRESIDENT TOBIN HERE

Speaks to Shoe Cutters, Who Decide to Take Out a Charter

The shoe cutters of the city held a largely attended meeting in C. L. U. hall last evening, and heard a talk by John F. Tobin, president of the boot and shoe workers international union. When a new constitution was adopted at the Rochester convention the local union severed its connection with the national body and returned its charter. It was decided last evening, however, to take a charter under the new constitution and to become again affiliated with the general body. Much interest was shown at the meeting, and 40 new members were received. Among the other speakers were H. A. McDonald, president of the Central Labor union, William Dobson of the Mason's union and John Daley of the Cigar makers' union. The meeting was in the nature of a smoke talk.

TACKLED THE SENATOR

Herbert White's Narrow Escape From Going to Jail for Christmas

Herbert White, the man who has been selling adjustable wire holders on the streets was arrested last night for intoxication and this morning in police court was fined \$10. He had not the means to pay the fine and was started for Pittsfield jail under the care of an officer, when at the station here he met Senator-elect Tolman of Pittsfield.

Mr. White knew the general public official, and straightway "tackled" him for the amount of the fine. It is getting near Christmas time, and Mr. Tolman felt the influence of the holiday season, so with a few words of advice he gave White the "tender" and the latter triumphantly paid for his release.

It was an extremely narrow escape from having to attend to that minstrel show at the jail Monday night.

RED HOT FROM THE GUN.

Was the ball that hit G. B. Stedman of Newark, Mich., in the Civil War. It caused horrible ulcers that no treatment helped for 20 years. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him. Cures Cuts, bruises, Burns, Bolls, Felons, Corns, Skin Eruptions. Best Pile Cure on earth. 25 cents a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by Burlington & Darbys, Druggists.

A Monster Devil Fish

Destroying its victim, is a type of Constipation. The power of this murderous malady is felt on organs and nerves and muscles and brain. There's no health till it's overcome. But Dr. King's New Life Pills are a safe and certain cure. Best in the world for Stomach, Liver, Kidneys and Bowels. Only 25 cents at Burlington & Darbys' drug store.

The Biggest Headed Woman IN THE WORLD On Exhibition Wilson House Block

Next to Postal Tel. No. 6 ON HOLDEN STREET

Wells Encampment Election

Wells encampment, I. O. O. F., elected these officers last evening: Chief Patriarch, J. E. Faulkner; S. W. J. P. Drysdale; J. P. William Fisher; W. W. Charles Woodruff; scribe, Frank Card; treasurer, G. G. Welton. The officers will be installed January 12.

SPECIAL NOTICE COLUMN.

TO RENT.

TO RENT—Tenement of six rooms in good repair, rent reasonable. Inquire at Hastings block, River street. t18043*

TO RENT—A tenement to rent suitable for small family, \$5 per month. Also furnished rooms to let in Cody's block, No. 6 North Church street. t17913*

TO RENT—Furnished room, 15 Arnold place, hot and cold water, with bath. t1761f

TO RENT—Two desirable tenements with modern improvements. Inquire of J. K. Smith, 8 Chase avenue. t1761f

TO RENT—A store and bakery at 51 Center street. Inquire C. F. Barden, 3 Freeman avenue. t1734f

TO RENT—Tenement. Call at 13 Hall street, or office of C. T. Phelps, Adams National Bank block. t1681f

TO RENT—For \$13 per month, finest six-room tenement for the price in the city. 4 Meadow street. Inquire 6 Meadow street, or S. Woodhead. t1031f

TO RENT—Two new tenements on Laurel avenue. All modern improvements. Inquire W. H. Bennett, 2 Adams National Bank block. t1

TO RENT—House and 1/4 acre of land at 11 Bryant street. House contains all modern conveniences, including hot water heat. Rent \$15. Inquire Berkshire Hills Sanatorium. t1132f

TO RENT—Tenements. Inquire at the office of Ashe & Arnold. t2801f

TO RENT—Store in the O'Brien block on Union street. Inquire at the office of Ashe & Arnold. t1161f

TO RENT—Barn on Eagle street, inquire at Kern's drug store. t591f

TO RENT—First floor tenement on Quincy street, near Church. Possession given immediately. Inquire 17 Church. t116 1f

TO RENT—Tenements, steam or without, 142 East Main street. W1101f

TO RENT—Office corner Bank and Main street. Boland block, steam heat and running water. Inquire P. J. Boland. t148 1f

TO RENT—Desirable tenements on East Main and East Quincy streets. Bath, hot and cold water. Rent \$10 and \$11 per month. Inquire at 27 East Quincy street. t1481f

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—Having purchased the Meerworth Bros. stock and fixtures on Center street, will sell the same very cheap, a rare chance for the right party to do a cash grocery business. Inquire at H. W. Clark & Co. t18016*

FOR SALE—A good rabbit hound cheap. Call Saturday from 12 to 3, 224 Union street. t17813*

FOR SALE—Incubator and Brooder, hot water, 128 egg capacity, nearly new, bargain to cash buyer. Inquire Postal Telegraph office, No. 4 Holden street. t17916

FOR SALE—A piano at a sacrifice. Write to "Piano," Transcript office. t17315*

WANTED.

WANTED—A middle aged woman capable of cooking and doing general housework. Apply Savoy hotel, Savoy, Mass. w18013*

WANTED—Mandolin, guitar or other good instrument in exchange for folding Poo camera, complete outfit, worth \$25, will sell at \$15. L. D. Marcetius, 7 Willow street. w17713*

WANTED—Immediately, a vegetable cook. Apply at the Berkshire Hills Sanatorium. w1771f

LOST

LOST—Strayed or stolen, brindle bull dog, white stripe on nose and white breast, strap collar with brass knobs. Finder return to 64 1/2 Braeswell avenue. Reward. t18013*

LOST—Package collars, seven size 14; one size 12 1/2; mark 650. Finder please return R. L. Henry's laundry. t18013

LOST—Drury 1900 class pin, on Church or Main streets. Finder please return to Transcript office. t17913

LOST—Between the Boston store and Fuller street a pocketbook containing a small sum of money and a pair of pearl prayer beads. Will find kindly return to the Transcript office. t17713*

LOST—A purse containing a sum of money between Brooklyn street and Dr. Bushnell's office. Finder will be rewarded by leaving the same at Transcript office. t17813



The Central Fruit Store keeps up its reputation by having the largest and choicest line of fruits for the holidays. A full assortment of nuts. All fresh and of this year's crop. Our confectionery is all fresh and pure. Peanuts fresh roasted daily. F. SUTT, Prop.

An Awful Cut in Price of All Holiday Goods Tonight at Tuttle & Bryant's....

Not an article to be carried over if a low price will sell it. Everything at a moving price. Don't pay others fancy prices. Our store is the place for you to buy.

New lines of ladies' elegant neckwear came this morning. Not like any you have seen.

Why not buy a table spread, a couch cover or a sofa pillow? They'll do very nicely.

The rush for cut work still keeps up. Shams, covers, scarfs, etc.

We have four clerks selling nothing but handkerchiefs. Our low prices cause this demand.

Rugs that last forever and some that don't—from 49c to \$65. Moquette rugs 1.89. Every one makes a fine present.

Fancy china—the nice kind at 98c, \$1.25 and 2.00. Just got our prices first.

Tabling and bedding at reduced prices.

Sterling silver goods at one-half price.

We are selling many silk waists, golf capes and fur scarfs these days. The prices suit.

This is headquarters. This is the bargain center.

Tuttle & Bryant

NOW IS THE TIME

AND

HERE IS THE PLACE

to complete your Christmas list. Our assortment, although very much broken, is sufficient to help you in finding some dainty article at a low price, just suited to your particular need.

SPRUILL'S

New Crockery Store,

96 Main St.

Hoosac Savings Bank Block.

This is Our List

of Christmas Goods

Imported and Domestic Perfumes, Atomizers, Toilet Sets in Celluloid and Ebonoid, Collar and Cuff, Handkerchiefs, Photo and Glove Boxes, Manicure Sets, Imported Toilet Soaps and Powders.

Ask for Prices.....

Farley's Drug Store

6 Blackinton Block.

Holden Street

Huyler's Christmas Candies

The Standard of excellence.

Accompany your gift with a box.

Just received fresh from the factory.

Agency only at

Hastings'

Drug Store

***** Christmas

Is Close at Hand

And what are you going to do to make this Christmas happy? Do you know that lots of people dread the coming of Christmas? Yes, indeed they do and it's all because they find it so difficult in selecting what they want for presents. Now don't let anything of this kind mar your Christmas. For here is a store full of things that will make selection of your Christmas gifts easy. Here are a few suggestions for suitable presents:

A nice warm overcoat, reefer or suit, a fur cap, a pair of fur gloves, a pair of silk suspenders, a pair of embroidered suspenders, a box of socks, a box of initial handkerchiefs, a silk umbrella, the new handles, a silk neck muffler, (the new London muffler,) a pair of night robes, etc., etc.

Lonergan & Bissailon, Clothiers and Outfitters, 72 Main St

WILLIAMSTOWN

A MASONIC BUILDING.

For some time past the Williams Lodge, F. and A. M. have been discussing the matter of changing their rooms and the plans of building was suggested but no action was taken. Dr. S. L. Lloyd, a member of the lodge, is agitating a building scheme which now seems likely to materialize. The plan is to build a three story building at the corner of Main and Water streets on the land owned by F. E. Moore, and a refusal of the land has already been granted. The top floor will be entirely devoted to the use of the lodge. The second floor will be cut up into offices and a tenement and the bottom floor to be either cut up into three stores or else be devoted to the use of the town library. The cost of the building will be, including the land, about \$15,000. The stock will be in one hundred dollar shares. It is suggested that the 60 members as many as possible take two shares at \$100 each which would take up 120 of the shares and the remainder of the shares be taken by men who can afford to take more than two. The stock would then be divided into 150 shares but it will not be necessary that each stockholder pay down the full amount of the stock but pay down about one third which would be between \$30 and \$35 with which to pay for the land. The remainder could be paid at intervals as agreed upon by the stockholders. This scheme seems to be a very good one as it places at least one share in the reach of every member of the lodge, and as soon as the building is paid for the stock will pay at least an 8 per cent dividend.

CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCES.

The final preparations have been made for the usual Christmas festivities in the churches and are as follows: At the Methodist church a Christmas concert will be given tomorrow evening in the church, and Monday evening a entertainment will be given by the Sunday school in place of a Christmas tree which has long been the custom of the church. The Baptist Sunday school will have their Christmas tree in Grand Army hall New Years' eve. A musical program which is in charge of Mrs. E. B. Roberts will be carried out. In the Congregational church a Christmas tree will be held Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Thorough preparations have been made for a pleasant time at all of the churches.

PATSEY TOOK A RIDE.

"Patsey" our down town news boy, took a rather unexpected ride on the cars yesterday afternoon. He was selling papers in a west bound train when the train started. He rushed for the platform to get off but much to his surprise he found the gate locked. He then rushed for the rear platform but in passing through the combination car he came in contact with a pile of trunks and baggage and, as he pictures it, with every man, woman and child in the car and by the time he had reached the platform again the train was travelling at the rate of 40 miles an hour. He was taken through to Hoosick Falls and returned on the 4.19 train. On his return he was greeted by a large number of his friends who had heard of his unexpected ride.

A. O. U. W. OFFICERS.

Williamstown Lodge, A. O. U. W., held its election of officers last evening, with the following result: Master workman, Joseph Richards; foreman, James Gibbs; overseer, Fred Church; recorder, Daniel J. Connors; financier, Frank J. Pease; receiver, Adolph Schaffer; guide, D. Chapman; inside watchman, Clayton Bryant; outside watchman, George Smith; trustees, B. H. Sherman, James MacIvane, George Locke; delegate to meeting of grand lodge, James Welch.

The lodge voted to meet the second and fourth Mondays of the month.

LAST NIGHT'S DEBATE.

The Fratergermanic debating society of the high school held a debate in the high school hall last evening. The question for debate was resolved that examinations be abolished in the high school. The affirmative side was taken by Miss Katharine Sherman, Miss Beattie Hall and Miss Bertha Farwell, and was awarded the decision by the judges who were Miss Sarah Dale, Homer Woodbridge and Theodore Hewitt.

Miss Millie Kraft and Mrs. W. L. Crozier left yesterday for a short visit in New York city.

John Hunn of the Johns Hopkins college is the guest of his uncle John B. Gale for a few days.

Miss Grace Perry of Albany, N. Y., is in town for a few days.

Lewis Perry of New York is spending his holiday vacation with his parents in town.

Miss Iveton Whitney left yesterday for a two weeks visit in Buffalo, N.Y.

Professor Le Favour is spending his Christmas vacation in Boston.

The schools closed yesterday for a 10 days vacation. Exercises were held in the primary schools and in the outer district schools.

J. A. Betters is on the sick list.

The Cosmopolitan club pool table has been thoroughly renovated and is now in excellent condition.

Charles B. Herman was drawn yesterday for a jurymen for the January and July court.

FOUND.

A black and white female dog. Wears a black leather strap around the neck. Owner Inquire of W. E. Williams, Williamstown.

TODAY AND TOMORROW NIGHT

Each day and night during this week you can get at any drug store Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs, acknowledged to be the most successful remedy ever sold for Croup, Croup, Bronchitis, Asthma, Consumption. Get a bottle today and keep it always in the house, so you can check your cold at once. Price 50c and 60c. Sample bottle free.

FOR SALE—Two R.P.A.N.S. for five cents at J. Higgins, Old Green street.

A Card

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on a 50 cent bottle of Greene's Warranted Syrup of Tar if it fails to cure your cough or cold. We also guarantee a 25-cent bottle to prove satisfactory or money refunded. Burlingame & Darby, J. H. Pratt, C. G. Bartlett, Canedy & Blossom, Carl M. Farley, John A. Rice, Wallace Kearn, Franco-American Pharmacy, T. C. Farley, P. J. Malone, G. A. Hastings.

I THINK GRAIN-O

after you have concluded that you ought not to drink coffee. It is not a medicine but doctors order it because it is healthful, invigorating and appetizing. It is made from pure grains and has that rich seal brown color and tastes like the finest grades of coffee and costs about 1/4 as much. Children like it and thrive on it because it is a genuine food drink containing nothing but nourishment. Ask your grocer for Grain-O, the new food drink, 15 and 25c.

LAWTON'S FOREBODING.

Was Sure He Would Not Come Back Alive From the Philippines.

The announcement the other day of the death of General Lawton was a sharp and distinct shock to every one, and the news was received with profound sorrow everywhere. General Lawton was popular in Washington, as everywhere he was known. He was generally considered in army circles as the best fighter in the Philippines, says the Philadelphia Public Ledger. His fearless manner of putting his tail, spare frame where his men could see that he was with them and would not ask more of them than he did himself, made brave men admire him. This habit of courting the enemy's fire he maintained even when he told his men to lie down. There is no question that his future in the army after the final stamping out of the insurrection would have been a brilliant one. Yet it is said that General Lawton was quite apprehensive as to his health.

He felt sure that he had consumption and had not many years of life before him. A gentleman who knew him well relates that in a conversation they had not long before the general went to the Philippines the latter said: "I am not sure I shall come back alive. It looks as if I was to die of consumption or be shot, and I believe I would rather be shot."

Remembering this remark, his friends think General Lawton's gloomy view of his health had something to do with his almost reckless exposure under fire. Yet old regulars who were with him on the raids after the Apaches 15 years ago, before disease in any form had put its touch on him, said he was just as seemingly reckless then.

FRESH MEAT FOR MANILA.

It Will Be Transported From Australia For the American Army.

The secretary of the navy and naval authorities in the Philippines are engaged on plans which will furnish the army and navy in that quarter with fresh meat as a daily ration, says a Washington dispatch to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Three of the navy ships have been established as a line to transport beef and mutton between Manila and Brisbane, Australia. These ships are the Culgoa, the Celtic and the Glacier. The first two, designed for store ships, have had increased refrigerator facilities added so as to specially fit them for their new duty. The Glacier has always been a refrigerator ship, so it required no alterations.

The Celtic left Manila the last week of October. It was to be followed by the Culgoa, which in the meantime had gone to Hongkong for repairs to its engines. The latter ship in turn will be followed by the Glacier. In this work they will make trips on a ten day, apart schedule. The issue of fresh meat daily is felt to be an important factor in keeping up the strength of the troops in service in that unhealthy country who are subjected to so much exposure.

It has been found that the meat thus brought can be carried to the north line at Angeles and reach there in a frozen condition. The Australian beef and mutton brought are of prime quality and can be laid down in Manila by this method at a lower price than they can be bought from San Francisco, as the distance is shorter.

FIFTY YEARS IN A CAVE.

After Losing His Bride Sheldon Became a Recluse.

A Stroudsburg (Pa.) dispatch to the New York World states that while chasing a bear into the dense woods of Pike county, a few miles from Dingman, Pa., a party of hunters came across a cave. On investigation they found it inhabited by Austin Sheldon, who for 50 years has occupied it as his home. The man was sick, but refused aid, saying he was well able to care for himself. After much persuasion Sheldon said:

"Here I have lived for years, and here I hope to die. I want no other company than these mountains and woods give me. All I ask of my fellows is that they will leave me to follow in peace my own desires."

When young, Sheldon was married. His bride died after a few weeks, and he left the world. Sheldon says he comes from Connecticut and his people are in good circumstances. He lives mostly on vegetables and chickens raised by himself.

Miss F. M. Cragg.

Piano and Singing. Mandolin, Banjo and Guitar. Dancing. Physical Culture. Southworth Avenue, Williamstown.

Before selecting your Christmas gifts, call at

Ransford's

and see his fine line of Watches, Clocks, Jewelry and Silver Novelties.

Cor. Main and Water Sts., Williamstown, Mass.

STORIES OF BOER WAR.

Incidents on the Battlefields of Glencoe and Elandslaagte.

SENSATIONS UNDER SHELL FIRE.

Feelings of the Men Who Experienced It For the First Time—How Colonel Chisholm Received His Death Wound—Gordons Proud of Dargal—Queer Effects of Wounds.

Letters from South Africa still tell the stories of the battles of Glencoe and Elandslaagte. A general account of these engagements you have already had, but there are many details and incidents which make good reading, says the London correspondent of the New York Sun.

A private in the King's Royal rifles in a letter to his parents describes his feelings under fire as he went with his regiment up the now famous hill of Talana: "I can tell you it was a very funny sensation indeed, standing there with shot and shell flying all over you, but we got the order to advance, and then the worst time came, for we were within rifle range then, and there was about 700 yards of open ground to cross with absolutely no cover at all, and the bullets did fly around. I felt rather frightened at first, but it soon wore off, and then I felt very desperate and did not care much what happened, and that was what most of us thought when we compared notes after."

The correspondent of the London Morning Post gives the following account of his feelings when under fire for the first time at Elandslaagte. He was under cover with some troops, waiting for the advance, and says: "This was my first experience of rifle fire, as it was the whole force's first experience of modern shell fire. I found that my strongest instinct was curiosity. If a shell fell near me, I always went to the spot to see what it had done. When the rifle fire was heavy, I found it almost impossible to keep cover. I felt that I must, simply must, lift up my head and see what was going on. All the same I had rather been under such shell fire as the Boers put into us than under their rifle fire. The swift whistle of the passing bullet is not a pleasant sound. Its furious 'phupht' as it falls into the ground is rather quaint. What I dislike most of all is the ricochet. The bullet that ricochets comes for you all ends up with a grim, uncivil 'buzz' that is distinctly annoying. Perhaps my sentiment in this matter has been strengthened by observation of the clean wounds made by the Mauser bullet in full flight and the nasty holes that result from the contact of the ricocheting bullet with the human body."

The following incidents of the storming of Talana hill are told by the same correspondent: "It was a sight never to be forgotten to see what the British soldier could stand. One of the 'Dubs,' shot through the left leg and both arms, shivering with cold and soaked by rain, being helped slowly down the hill, joyfully asked his two comrades not to let him go, as having no arms to protect himself he was sure to fall on his face and spoil his beauty. Immediately after the hill was taken many Boer ponies were captured, many of them with all equipment and even Mausers strapped on to the saddles, and it was a comical sight to see 'Tommy' careering round on Boer mounts over ground which even the Boer would have picked his way carefully."

"There is no doubt our shell fire must have disconcerted the Boers. An officer of the 'Dubs' placed his helmet on his sword and placed it above the stone wall. It was immediately plucked by six bullets. Contrast this shooting with the double across the open to the home-stand below Talana hill, when only four men dropped."

"One of the King's rifles was in the act of picking off a Boer. He had just pressed the trigger when a Boer popped his head up directly in front, with the result he got the bullet through his head. 'It was quite an accident, sir. You see, I was aiming at the other man,' said the King's rifles man as he showed me the corpse."

Here are a few stories of the battle of Elandslaagte told by the correspondents of the London Post and Standard: "In the few minutes at my disposal I may relate how one Imperial Light horse man was absolutely paralyzed with fear. 'Come on. Don't be a coward,' said Major Sampson. The man tried. His heart and will were good enough, but he failed physically. Soon afterward Sampson saw him rushing to the front with all his might, blood pouring from a wound on his face. 'Where are the Boers?' he cried. 'Let me get at them!' Another Light horse man did not know he was wounded (in the abdomen) until the next day. He thought that the slight pain he suffered was due to drinking beer on an empty stomach after the fight was over."

"One Dutchman was found moaning and crying under a thorn bush. 'I'm dead! I'm dead!' he cried. 'It's that dreadful lyddite!' He was told that no lyddite had been used in the battle. 'I know it was,' he said, 'because I read it in The Standard and Diggers' News.' A quaint reason. He was examined and punched all over and found to be not so much as scratched. 'I know,' he said; 'but I'm dead. I'll die soon. The Standard and Diggers' says that lyddite kills you without hurting you.' It is a singular fact, by the way, that of the wounded and prisoners the vast majority spoke English for choice."

"One fine incident must be told. When Mr. Pease was looking after a wounded man and asking what he could do for him, the man said, 'Get under cover, sir, or they'll kill you.' A Gordon private told me he did not mind his wound, but he wished that it had come four minutes later, so that he might have seen the job through. By the way, Captain Travers of the Devons was grazed on the knuckle by a bullet at the same moment as another smashed his water bottle."

"The Gordons had reached the brow of the kopje, and the Imperial light horse were a little ahead of them. 'Ye're gluttons for the fighting,' said a Gordon, 'but ye've got yer bellful the day.' 'Mon,' said another, 'there's nae doot that this is yer Dargal.' The Gordons who were not at Dargal are

as proud of it, by the way, as the Gordons who were there.

"When the 'cease fire' sounded, the Gordons were standing in far too close a line—a splendid target, of which the enemy did not fail to take advantage. For some unexplained reason some one used the word 'retire' in the hearing of a bugler. I have since discovered that the retire was sounded by a Boer with a bugle near the Gordons, close enough to cause the regiment to think the order was meant for them. The same trick was tried on the Dublins at Talana without success. 'Retire be adjective,' he said—or didn't say—and promptly sounded the advance. In they went, the Light horse on their right, cursing for all they were worth, curses not loud, but deep. Man fell behind man, but the line never wavered nor broke till the bayonets got among the Boers. As one man prodded a Boer he remarked in a broad Scotch accent: 'I remember Majuba. You'll remember Elandslaagte.' I don't think the victim's memory of Elandslaagte was very prolonged. 'Yon's for Jock,' said another, with a thrust, adding, with a second thrust, 'And yon's for mysel.'"

"The Boers could not stand up to cold steel. They knelt and held up their hands and cried mercy. Mercy they got; but in some instances they returned treachery and got justice. Trooper White of C company, Imperial Light horse, was running beside Captain Mullins and a couple of troopers when three Boers held up their hands. 'Don't fire,' said Captain Mullins. A fourth Boer, standing close to the three, then aimed at Captain Mullins, but hit Trooper White, inflicting a wound from which he has since died. Then he shot Captain Mullins through the shoulder. The others picked up their rifles and attempted to get in their shots before the reward of their treachery could be inflicted. But they failed. A Manchester soldier told me that an old Boer prayed for quarter to his pal. The pal gave it, withdrawing his bayonet; but after he had passed on the old Boer put a bullet through his head. There was a piece of cold steel in the old Boer's ribs before very long."

Of Scott Chisholm, the colonel of the Imperial Light horse, the London Standard's correspondent writes: "No death has been more severely felt than the colonel's. He was a good man and a good soldier, brave to the point of recklessness, a wonderful, inspiring leader and, as I judged from about a month's knowledge of him, single minded, fervent in all his work, passionately in earnest. His regiment almost worshipped him. During the fight he only took cover once or twice, going from troop to troop praising and encouraging the men in words that were always well chosen, for no man could phrase his blame or praise more aptly. At the last ridge he stopped to tie up the leg of a wounded trooper and was shot himself in the leg. Two of the men went to his assistance, but he waved them off, telling them to go on with their fighting and to leave him alone. Then he was shot in one of the lungs, and the men went to his help, but while they were trying to get him to cover a bullet lodged in his head and killed him. The last words he was heard to say were, 'My fellows are doing well.' His fellows will always remember that."

"The last time I saw him was at the outspan before the battle began. He came to a group of us and gave one or two orders in such pleasant words that one knew that to obey him must in itself be a real delight. Then he sat down and gossiped with us, first about his luck in the morning, when a shell that hit the ground between his horse's feet had failed to burst, and afterward about luck in general. He advised the officers to tell their men to sleep while they could, and then he said, 'Now I'll go and get half an hour's sleep myself.' But at that moment an aid-de-camp came, saying that General French wanted to see him. When the colonel returned, it was to order his regiment to saddle up and prepare to mount. In half an hour he was leading the attack on the first kopje. Experienced officers have told me that they never knew the sentiment of attachment between a commanding officer and his force establish itself so quickly. I believe that not a man in the Light horse cared where he went or what happened so long as he took it out of at least one Boer for Scott Chisholm's death. They had no bayonets, but they went in with clubbed carbines or prodded with the muzzle end."

Letters from soldiers at the front are also coming in now. Corporal Rupert Wickham writes after the battle of Elandslaagte: "Here I am in hospital at Pietermaritzburg and am sending you my coat. You will see I have five bullets in my clothes and small splinters, but have come out with only three wounds, barring scratches. So I came off well, especially as one of the shots went through my left breast pocket and glanced off a small stud, so did not 'spifflicate' my heart. All the hospitals are full—two churches, theater and some barrack bungalows. Excuse bad writing, as I am a bit off strength."

"Only three wounds, barring scratches," yet "he came off well!" One wonders what would have been enough to make him grumble.

She Wanted to Be Seen.

Exasperated Old Gentleman (to lady in front of him)—Excuse me, madam, but my seat cost me 10 shillings, and I want to see. Your hat has cost me 10 guineas, sir, and I want to be seen!—Funch.

Habits of Youth.

When I was young, a pretty maid conducted me around. I saw single places I went that nurse was also found; But now that I have older grown An nurse, not a nurse, Conducts me; I stick close to her! She holds you know, the purse!—Philadelphia North American.

She Prefers Mustaches.

"Della, are you for England or the Transvaal." "Neither." "The English wear side whiskers, and the Boers wear chin whiskers."—Indianapolis Journal.

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SIGNALS FROM THE GRAVE.

French Inventor's Apparatus to Prevent Live Burials.

Two Frenchmen who arrived in the United States recently with what they call a life saving apparatus designed to counteract the unhappy results of premature burial gave an exhibition of the device the other night at a meeting at the Academy of Medicine in New York. The life saving apparatus is the invention of Count Michel de Karnice Karnicki of Russia, and the device has been named "Le Karnice," says the New York Sun. Its inventor is represented by M. Emile Camis, who conducted the exhibition with the aid of an assistant.

A coffin was laid on the platform with its interior visible. Over this was a platform representing the surface of the earth. The life saving apparatus consists of a tube four inches in diameter, which extends down to the coffin and fits into a hole in the lid over the breast of the person inside. Attached to the upper end of the tube is a metal box, which is visible above the grave. In the box is a bell, and fixed to the lid is a rod, on the end of which is a brass ball. Through the tube leading to the coffin a small rod is run with a ball on the end placed just above the breast of the supposed corpse. The person who has been prematurely buried, it was explained by the count's representative, would, upon coming to in the grave, simply have to put his hand up and either push up or pull down the ball above his breast. This would set the bell above ringing for half an hour.

The apparatus also includes a lamp, which is to be kept burning at night, and the light of which, when the bell is rung, shines down the tube and dispels some of the darkness in the interior of the coffin. A proposed addition is a connection with a central telephone office and a bell to ring there when the buried man pushes the knob. The inventor has also provided a rocket to be set off by the machine if desired to attract general attention to the grave.

NEW SKIN DISEASE CURE.

Danish Physician's Experiments Have Attracted Wide Attention.

The state department at Washington has received from Mr. Swenson, the United States minister at Copenhagen, a copy of a letter concerning the discoveries of Dr. Finsen in the treatment of certain diseases by means of concentrated light rays, says the New York Sun. This letter was written in answer to inquiries from a celebrated physician in the United States. The minister says that these discoveries have excited great interest among physicians and scientists everywhere. More than 350 cases of Lupus vulgaris have been treated with satisfactory results. A large number of other cases of disease of the skin have been treated experimentally, among them erysipelas and Alopecia areata. Scarlet fever is being experimented with.

Mr. Swenson says that Dr. Finsen informed him that the light treatment as perfected is so effective that there is every reason to believe that every case of Lupus vulgaris can be cured by means of it. Dr. Finsen has also been successful in treating smallpox by means of red light. Both sunlight and electric light may be used, he says, for medical purposes. Owing to the northern latitude of Denmark electric light is used in preference to sunlight in Dr. Finsen's institution. A powerful arc light is required.

Dr. Finsen is now experimenting with photochemical baths to ascertain how far light is instrumental in supplying the skin with blood. He holds that the red color of the exposed parts of the skin is caused principally by light, while heat seems to hinder it and cold to further it.

THE CENSOR.

The English government has just announced its regular semiannual refusal to pardon Mrs. Maybrick—Kansas City Journal.

The European nations may finally come to blows in their frantic efforts to get into friendly relations with the United States.—St. Louis Republic.

The shooting season in the Adirondacks has closed, and the record shows that 23 men were killed. It is believed that fully as many deer perished.—Washington Post.

When in after years the Transvaal had sets out to immortalize in stirring heroic homages the deeds of its sires, he stands to be distressed by Pietermaritzburg.—St. Louis Republic.

A Rosville (Kan.) woman died just after filing a suit for divorce. What a warning this should be to other women who are wincing beneath the chafing of the marital harness!—Denver Post.

Now that a French scientist has invented a successful steering apparatus for airships, all that is needed for the solution of the airship problem is the invention of an airship.—Louisville Courier Journal.

The colossal statue of De Lesseps just dedicated at the entrance of the Suez canal is described by an enthusiastic admirer of the distinguished Frenchman as the grandest monument in Egypt. What's the matter with the sphinx?—Boston Herald.

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the country." The arguments were well prepared. Charles Welch, leader of the affirmative, was especially strong in his argument.

DIED OF TYPHOID FEVER.

Albina, the five-years old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Robert, died at their home in Maple Grove Friday morning. She had been ill for some time with typhoid fever. The funeral was held from Notre Dame church this morning. Interment was in Bellevue cemetery.

GIVEN CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

The employees in the weave room in Berkshire mill No. 2 agreeably surprised J. A. Robinson, who is second hand in the room. Just before closing time Friday evening they presented him with a gold watch chain and a pipe. Mr. Robinson thanked them graciously.

The weavers in the section looked after by Charles F. Bates, loomster, also showed their appreciation of him and gave him a handsome chair as a Christmas present.

Miss Madge Corney is home from Bridgewater normal school.

Miss Christine Sayles of Liberty street is entertaining Miss Allison of Tufts college.

W. B. Plunkett has returned from New York.

C. T. Plunkett was in Boston Friday. J. M. McConnell will spend the holidays with relatives in Troy, N. Y.

Willis Anthony is home from college. Claude Jenks and Theo. Plunkett are home from Riverview military academy, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Mr. Burton of Boston is visiting friends in town.

The grammar and high schools closed Friday for a two weeks' vacation. A number of the teachers were given presents by their scholars.

Miss Nellie McNulty will leave next week to take a special course in music at Westfield.

The Ensignet Lodge, O. D. H. S., will have a Christmas tree and exercises Monday evening.

There will be special hours of opening at the postoffice Monday. There will be one delivery of mail in the morning.

Letters are advertised at the post-office for J. H. White, James Wharry, Mrs. N. M. Weeks and Monroe Harrier.

Miss Mabel Fairfield has graduated as a nurse from the Bellevue hospital in New York.

Archer C. Bowen is home for the holidays from West Springfield.

Cornelius Haggerty and James McGrath are taking private lessons in dancing from Professor Ryan of Pittsfield.

Miss Lena Andrew is home from the normal art school in Boston.

It is expected that a game of polo will be played at Valley park Monday afternoon.

The Sons of St. George football team will play the North Adams lodge team at Forest Park Christmas day.

The regular meeting of the L. C. B. A. will be held next Tuesday evening.

The police force received a few presents from some of the business men. They were in the form of boxes of good cigars.

CLUB OF SIX FOOT AMAZONS.
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A writer in an English journal observes, "It has been only too apparent for a considerable time that our girls were growing taller and our men shorter."

The writer also remarks that New York could easily form an amazonian club.

A Lone Woman's Achievement.
Mrs. Nannie Gillespie, widow of W. B. Gillespie, deceased, brought in to Harmony Grove and sold 28 bales of cotton, and she is not through picking yet. In addition to this cotton she has saved over 12,000 bundles of fodder and will make fully 1,500 bushels of corn, besides oats and wheat enough for a year. All of this was done by a widow, and on rented land at that. What man can show up a better record of one year's work?—Atlanta Constitution.

Electricity in Poland.
Electricity is coming into general use in Poland. It is largely adopted in many factories, superseding rope and belt driving, says the Cincinnati Enquirer. Electric lighting of factories is also becoming general. Most of the important railway stations are lighted with electricity.

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THE PARIS SHOW.
The Paris exposition catalogue will contain 100,000 names.

The parks of Milwaukee will be part of the exhibit of that city at the Paris exposition. A series of photographic views of the public parks of that city will be shown.

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DIRE FAMINE IN INDIA.

Vivid Story of Suffering From the Salvation Army.

AID NEEDED TO SAVE STARVING.

Failure of the Monsoons Leaves the Land a Desert Waste—Parents and Children Perish With Their Cattle. Babies Thrown at Feet of Officers For a Meal.

The following extracts from a letter Commander Booth-Tucker has received from one of the leading Salvation Army officers in India show that a great famine exists there and that thousands are likely to perish from starvation this winter, says the Boston Herald:

The cause of this suffering is the total failure of the monsoons. India is not, like America and European countries, favored with rain, more or less, all the year round. It has one rainy season, lasting three months. If the rains are scanty, scarcity is the result; if plentiful, two abundant harvests, and, if a total failure, famine.

For the past 100 years there has not been such a total failure of rain as has befallen western and central India this year. The outlook is a terribly gloomy one. It is impossible to describe to what extent everything is affected or to depict the awful distress and want that prevail. In this country, in the most prosperous seasons, most of the lower classes live a from hand to mouth existence. Work for today means food for today or pay for yesterday's food. Rarely if ever does work today mean food for tomorrow.

Our people are simple villagers, hand loom weavers, occasionally working in the fields to eke out their scanty earnings. Failure of the rains has cut off from them their every resource. The custom is that the cloth merchant, or borah, supplies the cotton, the weaver receiving a stated sum for converting it into cloth. Now the borahs find it so hard to dispose of old stock that the idea of making new is entirely abandoned, and, supply of cotton being stopped, the breadwinning looms are silent in the houses of hungry people.

The high caste cultivators, whose wealth chiefly consists of large herds of cattle, are suffering fearfully. Thousands and tens of thousands of their beautiful cattle have perished or are perishing of hunger. If one-third of the cattle of Gujarat be spared, it will be more than seems possible at present. And what is to be done when plowing time comes and no cattle are forthcoming to do the work or when fabulous prices will be asked for good animals because of the scarcity?

In the cities the cotton mills are on slack time. Everywhere, every one and everything is affected more or less. In and around Ahmedabad it is estimated that 30,000 people have congregated, having come in from the outlying districts. Hundreds have died of famine, fever and exposure. Little babes have been born in the open air, the mothers, with their few hours' old offspring, begging a little food from the passersby, many for themselves and perhaps for one or two other little toddlers. Babes and mothers have died in these awful circumstances.

Nineteen thousand Salvationists look to us for help. "We are yours," they say. "In times of prosperity we share with you. Help us now." Three thousand five hundred little children in our 240 day schools hold out their little hands to us. We see them get thinner and thinner and note their apathetic listlessness and inability to learn to remember. The little mites themselves plead with us to take them home with us. Little homeless waifs pass us in the streets or follow us, begging us to receive them. Some have been left behind in the rush of friends or relatives to some distant place.

Babies are thrown at the feet of our officers or offered for a simple meal. Cattle drop dead in the carts. Women are murdered for their jewelry and men for their grain or money. Poor old men and women are turned out to beg for themselves or die wandering from place to place.

We have opened 20 cheap grain-shops. This is a form of help especially valued by our soldiers. Grain is more than double the ordinary prices. To people who have no work this is hard indeed. We sell them grain at 25 per cent loss to ourselves. Every week thousands are turned away from our grainshops because our stock is not sufficient to supply all. We want to open a number more grainshops and increase our capital at once.

To the little children who attend our day school we are anxious to give a little grain weekly to keep them alive. In Ajmere, where we have a weekly distribution of free grain, so great was the crowd that the aid of the police had to be called in to keep order and prevent physical injury by the people trampling on one another in the mad struggle for the coveted help. The police estimated that at least 7,000 persons were gathered together, and we only had funds sufficient to give 200 of them a little each.

What the people need most of all is work. We are giving them some, as far as means will allow, but with 10,000 to care for, to say nothing of the millions for whom we are not so directly responsible, a large capital is needed. We shall go on doing our utmost, and God's stewards, we believe and have faith, will rally to our help. But daily they are dying, fading, going under in the grim struggle. Therefore what thou doest, do quickly.

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Arlington, 2:22½, has trotted in 2:14 on a half mile track and may be Gold Leaf's first 2:10 performer.

Bishop Hero, 2:21, the Pacific coast veteran, is being driven on the roads at San Francisco by General Shafter.

J. Sutherland has bought 30 acres from A. H. Bernal at Pleasanton, Cal., and will build a track. He will also erect a large training barn and some 40 box stalls.

N. B. Wheeler, Cresco, Ia., reports a new record of 2:23½ for his pacer Fitzgerald, by Flak, 2:13½, that he was timed in 2:17½ in a race at Charles City, Ia., over a poor track.

The latest device to encourage high stepping in coach horses is a glass worn like goggles, the crystals being so formed that the ground appears nearer than it is. It is said to work all right.

A horse show will be held next year under the auspices of the French government in connection with the Paris exposition. Twelve prizes, worth \$2,300, will be offered for American harness horses.

Ardine, 2:23½, and Abby Kelly, 2:24½, are two more new ones for Pilot Medium reported by D. D. Streeter of Kalamazoo, Mich., former owner of Peter the Great (4), 2:07½, the star of the family.

Forster Bairy, Fayette, Ill., reports that his stallion, Sauterago, by Indicator, 2:23½, son of Gold Dust, won the free for all at Grayville, Ill., in September in straight heats, reducing his record to 2:18½.

F. D. Spotswood of Harrodsburg, Ky., has a 3-year-old trotting filly by Baron Wilkes, dam by Nutbreaker, that is a speed phenomenon. Oct. 1, after a very brief preparation, she trotted a three-quarter track in 2:29 and Oct. 24 turned the same track in 2:15½; last half in 1:06½.—Horse Review.

TAGAL WAR DEVICE.

Pits Filled With Sharp Stakes Due to Enemy American Soldiers.

In hospital reports which reached the war department at Washington the other day from Manila is chronicled the first casualty due to falling into a Tagal pitfall which contained the horrible device of bamboo posts set firmly in the hole and sharpened at the top for the purpose of impaling the unwary. The American troops have frequently found such traps on the line of march, and especially in front of insurgent trenches, but instances have been extremely rare in which the bamboo stakes were discovered, says the New York Tribune. Ordinarily the traps have been simply deep holes in the jungle, covered with long grass, and, although soldiers have frequently fallen into them, no serious injury has resulted.

On Oct. 25, when 45 men of Company I, Nineteenth Infantry, were engaged in a reconnaissance and chasing a small band of Tagals from some trenches, Private Peter Karl plunged into such a pit, with his sharpened bamboo, and had his leg and foot severely lacerated, which put him out of service. Fortunately he did not tumble headlong into the trap, for if he had, in the opinion of the surgical officers, his wounds must certainly have been fatal.

THE WRITERS.

Michael Davitt, during his days in parliament, did nearly all his literary work in the house writing room, where silence is enforced, sitting invariably in the same seat.

Paul Bourget has announced his intention of paying a second visit to this country. He will come next spring and gather material for a novel dealing with American social life.

Theodor Mommsen, at the age of 82 years, has published a new work, "Roman Criminal Law," as a companion to his great "Roman Constitutional Law." It is a volume of 1,078 closely printed, large octavo pages.

Bjornstjerne Bjornson lately saw for the first time the statue of himself set up before the National theater in Christiania. He turned red in the face and demands that it be removed, as it is a libel on his personal appearance.

More State Rivalry.
The military prominence of the Missouri mule seems to be exciting jealousy, says the Kansas City Journal. The Kansas department of agriculture calls special attention to the exceptionally fine quality of Kansas horses.

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CITY COUNCIL'S LAST MEETING

All Given Pictures of Mayor Cady, Closing Business

The old city council held its last meeting of the year last evening, the chief business being the canvassing of the election returns and the declaration of election. This occupied some time, each member present having to sign the returns. It was thought yesterday afternoon that a petition for a recount would be filed but this was not done, and consequently the council was able to finish its business for the year and adjourn without delay last evening.

There were 12 members present when the meeting was called to order, and one member came in later. On the desk of each councilman was a large portrait of Mayor Cady, and later in the meeting recognition was made of the graceful act on the part of the mayor by a vote of thanks, on a motion made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Bracewell.

The committee on streets reported on the matter of discontinuing that part of Hoosac street between Montana and Church streets. On account of legal complications in the matter, the committee reported leave to withdraw from the petitioners. This report was accepted.

The only other business of the meeting was the drawing of grand jurors. The following were drawn: Thomas M. Calnan, cigarmaker, Mansion house; Harry A. Graves, jeweler, 3 Forest street; James F. Church, plumber, 126 River street. When this was concluded the council adjourned.

HELD FOR MANSLAUGHTER

Shelburne Falls Man Charged With Killing His Wife

Henry Winterhalter of Buckland, a portion of Shelburne Falls, was before the district court in Greenfield yesterday, on three different charges, which were reported in the telegraphic news when Winterhalter was arrested. In effect it was charged that Winterhalter beat and kicked his wife on November 29 with such severity that it caused her death. On November 30, his wife gave birth to a child that lived only a short time, and on December 5 the wife died.

The hearing lasted several hours and the magistrate held Winterhalter for the grand jury, fixing the bail at \$200 for the first assault, \$300 for the second and \$1500 for the alleged manslaughter. The defendant's father, Matthias Winterhalter, became his surety.

In substance the testimony showed there had been considerable friction at times between Mr. and Mrs. Winterhalter, that the husband and wife had couffed each other on the face, that Winterhalter had kicked his wife in the legs, with the side of his foot, and one of the witnesses, Mrs. Stranger, while standing on the stairs above the rooms occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Winterhalter, had heard Mrs. Winterhalter charge her husband with pulling her from the bed by the hair of her head, shortly before she gave birth to the child.

ICE CROP PROSPECTS

Ice men Superstitious Regarding Tenth Year, Combine Not Complete

Thus far the outlook for local ice dealers is not very encouraging. Some of the ponds in this vicinity are frozen over, but the ice is not more than three or four inches thick. All the ice men have repaired and got their ice houses in readiness and as soon as there is a chance to harvest the work will be started in earnest.

As yet the local ice men's combine has not elected officers. There is a good deal of inventory work and it is expected that at the next meeting everything will be perfected.

This is from the Troy Times on the question: "Ice men are superstitious regarding the tenth year, and predict a light crop this season. The records of the bureau for the years ending in '0' since 1870 bear out their arguments, as in each of those years there have been mild winters."

News of the Theaters

The Wilson next week will have a week of vaudeville, with a number of special features, including moving pictures, showing among other things a part of the Jeffries-Sharkey fight. There will be matinees daily, including Monday.

Tuesday night the Columbia has "The sunshine of Paradise alley," always a favorite. The company is promised to be an excellent one and is composed largely of those who have contributed to the success of former productions of the play. Mrs. Charles Peters as the Widow McNally, May Thompson as Mrs. O'Grady, John Walsh as Jimmie Powers, W. J. Scully as O'Grady, Donald Harold as Watson, will all appear in the cast, while the Verdi Ladies' quartet will introduce new melodies. Phila May will be the Sunshine.

Tonight the Columbia has Uille Akestrom in "My mother-in-law," a play which is promised to prove as amusing as anything that has been given here. She is supported by Flora Stanford, Bertha Livingston, Amele Baird, May Florence, John H. W. Byrne, J. McInerney, Frank Christy and others.

Crane's Son Rescues Companions

W. Murray Crane, Jr., son of Governor-Elect Crane, and ten other young men of Dalton while skating on Crane pond yesterday afternoon, were given a bath and a good scare. The ice gave way suddenly, letting the entire party into the water. The governor's son was one of the first to reach shore and speedily secured his boat and a ladder, and all were rescued. Fortunately, at the point where the accident happened, the water was not quite over the boys' heads.

CHRISTMAS CIGARS.

Ladies, buy your gentlemen friends a box of cigars put up in handsome boxes for Christmas at the Wilson House Drug store.

ARCHIE MULL WAS HAPPY

Jury's Disagreement Greeted With a Smile. Second Attempt to Agree Failed

Archie Mull was decidedly jovial yesterday when he was brought into court in Troy to hear the verdict of the jury which had heard his trial for murder. The current rumors of a disagreement had made him even happier than he has seemed since his arrest, and throughout he has been remarkably happy for a man under such a charge. Mrs. Mull and the prisoner's brothers were on hand. The jury was brought in, and in response to the court's question whether or not the jurors had reached an agreement, the foreman, George P. Markham of Hoosick Falls, lay preacher and merchant, replied: "No sir, we have not."

The court said that it was very desirable that an agreement be reached in the case; that after a large expenditure of time and money the case had been given to the jury. The court could not see how the case could have been better presented by the prosecution or better defended by the defense. He called the attention of the jurors to the trouble and care in selecting the jury, and remarked that he did not know how twelve men could be more honest than they. He said, however, that an agreement ought to be reached in this case.

The foreman of the jury then spoke as follows:

"Your honor, I told you last evening that this is new business to me. I had supposed you would have asked me some questions about the matter. We have considered this matter carefully, and with these very facts in view that you have spoken of, and we have been unable to agree. Now, if your honor desires, or if it is the proper thing to do, I can tell you the way the ballot stands."

The court said he would not ask this, and Mr. Markham continued: "I have questioned, as foreman of the jury, each of the individuals composing the jury, and each one of them has announced his conviction that it will be impossible for us to agree. That is the conviction as obtained by personally questioning on my part each individual composing the jury."

The court then said he would ask the jury to retire again, and if they returned and said the same thing he would discharge the jury.

Mr. Fursman took an exception to that part of the court's remarks in which he said an agreement "ought to be reached."

The jury retired again shortly before 10 o'clock.

When the jury filed in for the last time there was intense interest, the prisoner alone remaining seemingly unmoved. He smiled at the statement of the foreman that no agreement had been reached and when the judge discharged the jurors.

Foreman Markham stated to reporters that 11 ballots had been taken, and each time the vote stood 11 for conviction of murder in the first degree and one for "not guilty." He said the one juror, without reason or argument, was determined to maintain his position, and that an agreement was impossible. There was no discussion about finding the accused guilty of a lesser degree.

CHANGE IN Y. M. C. A.

Board of Trustees Elected to Hold the Property

There was a largely attended business meeting of the Y. M. C. A. last evening at which the amendment to the constitution was considered which is to change the form of government of the association. This was accepted, the change consisting in the election of a board of trustees into whose hands the property of the association is placed. There will also be elected a board of directors which will have charge as before of the active work of the association. This change is similar to the one made by the Springfield association a few days ago, and has been under consideration here for some time.

The following trustees were elected: For four years, George Hopkins, V. A. Whitaker, G. W. Chase, E. S. Wilkinson; for three years, G. M. Darby, C. E. Winchell, T. W. Sykes, C. W. Gallup; for two years, R. L. Chase, James Mitchell, J. H. Emigh, I. F. Hall; for one year, E. E. Ryan, W. W. Butler, H. W. Clark, C. H. Cutting.

The new board of directors will be chosen at the meeting next month. The new trustees include some of the members of the old board of directors but the new board will be entirely distinct from the trustees.

At the meeting last evening an appropriation was voted for the basketball team. A vote of thanks was also passed to the ladies auxiliary for the gift of a handsome rug for the office, which the auxiliary gave the association as a Christmas present.

Long-Time Injury Healed

Mrs. Amadon, daughter of Henry A. Tower, who was injured July 5, 1897, by a street car collision on the Reading and Wakefield road, is visiting her parents at 19 Quincy street. Mrs. Amadon has suffered a great deal with her right leg and could get no relief for it. She decided to go to Amsterdam and consult Dr. Sweet, and on Wednesday Mrs. Amadon and her father went to see him. His examination revealed the fact that the right hip joint was partially out of its socket, so that her right leg was one and a half inches shorter than the other. Dr. Sweet adjusted it and Mrs. Amadon is doing well and very much pleased. Aside from the soreness caused by putting her hip where it belongs, she is doing well and expects in a short time that so far as her hip injury is concerned to be permanently cured.

Grand Army Fair Profits

The Grand Army benevolent association held its monthly meeting with Sanford post last evening. The report on the recent fair was made, showing that the net profits were \$207. This was not so large as was hoped. The association also voted to meet next month with the post.

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TRAINING CHRISTMAS CLERKS

Time When Young People Learn How They Like the Occupation

Tonight will be the busiest one of the entire year for local merchants and their clerks, and with the end of the rush a large number of young people, some of them school children, will conclude their first experience as clerks. It is customary every year for the merchants to look to the school children to supply them with the extra clerks needed for the holiday rush, and the latter are often very glad of the opportunity to make a little extra money as well as to get some knowledge and experience of the business of a clerk.

This opportunity is not only a good one for the young people who have a chance to see whether or not they like the occupation. It is valuable as well to the merchants, who in this way come to know a number of young people, some of whom are pretty sure to develop the qualities that make a good clerk. These are very likely at the end of the rush to receive an offer to remain as regular clerks, or their names are kept in mind by the merchant for the time when he shall need a new clerk.

The proprietor of one of the local stores said yesterday in talking of the matter, that this season had shown him two unusually good salespeople among the young people who had come into his store for the holidays. To both of these he intended to make offers of permanent positions, although as one of them was in the high school, he did not expect that his offer would be accepted till the school course was completed.

This merchant talked interestingly of the efforts that were made to get good service for the patrons of his store out of the inexperienced clerks he was forced to employ to meet the demands of the extra trade. Those shoppers who are sometimes annoyed by the seeming incapacity of the clerk who is waiting on them should bear in mind the fact that the clerk may be just out of school for the holidays and knows almost as little of the stock as does the customer. In view of the conditions it is remarkable that such good service as is the case is secured by the merchants, and it is only done at the expense of much effort. As far as possible an older clerk is placed near a young one, and the latter is watched as closely as there is opportunity for.

Altogether the holiday season is a trying as profitable one to the merchants, and the fact that shopping is so enjoyable a pastime as it proves in the local stores is due largely to the fact that everybody is in a holiday mood, and willing to make the best of everything.

The Death of "Patsy Forepaugh"

Mention was made in yesterday's Transcript of the local interest in the death of Michael J. Mahar of Bennington as the result of an attack by an elephant for which he was caring in Sellsville, Ohio. Mahar was a well known Bennington boy, having been born in the town about forty-nine years ago. Twenty years ago Mahar was the foreman of the shoddy mill in Bennington, but soon after that time drifted into the show business.

For some years he was the trainer of the Forepaugh herd of elephants, and was known at first as young Adam Forepaugh and afterwards as "Patsy Forepaugh." He was of strong build, a little below the medium height, modest in deportment but brave to rashness. Of late years he became the most famous manager of elephants in the world, and received a salary commensurate with his reputation and bravery.

He was killed Wednesday afternoon as he was leading the elephants into the training circle for daily exercise. The elephant known as "Sid" became unruly and Mahar jabbed the animal with his spear, when he was violently seized by the elephant, who dashed him to the ground and then ran him through with his tusk. Death immediately followed.

Hermans Pleads Not Guilty

George Hermans was arraigned in Troy yesterday on a charge of murder in the first degree in killing Eliza Jane Pratt and her mother, Rhoda Horton, at Stephentown, October 30, 1899. The prisoner pleaded "not guilty" to both charges, and Samuel Foster was assigned as counsel. The counsel for the defendant, in answer to inquiry by the court, said he desired the plea of "not guilty" to stand for the present, with the possibility of changing it later in making a defense of insanity. The alleged crime was committed at Stephentown the morning of October 30. The defendant then shot himself in the breast, but has nearly recovered. He is, however, in poor health. The district attorney will move the trial at the January term.

No Recount Asked for

City Clerk Brooker this morning sent out to Mayor-elect Wilkinson and the other men elected to office at the recent city election the certificates of election, which officially notifies them that they are to be office holders.

The managers of the municipal league had intended to file a petition for a recount of the mayoralty vote, and papers were circulated yesterday, as reported. They were not signed freely enough to enable the papers to be filed before 5 o'clock, when the time limit expires, however, and the records of the vote cast will go down as given on the evening of election in the city clerk's tables.

Liquor Selling in Bennington

Notices were served in Bennington Thursday afternoon on several people who are suspected of selling liquor, as well as on the owners of the buildings occupied by them, to appear before Judge Start at the court house, next week Saturday, to show cause why injunctions should not be served upon them to prevent the selling of intoxicants or the leasing of buildings or rooms for that purpose.

Some of the parties who received notices are among the leading men in the village. The suits are brought by the state's attorney, and the action was a complete surprise to all.

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